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PARENTS' NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL UNION, CENTRAL OFFICE ACCOUNTS.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st December, 1907.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.
To Sundry Creditors	151	0	4
,, Sundry Reserves	12	16	6
,, General Revenue Account, Balance	288	18	10½
	£452	15	8½

ASSETS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Sundry Debtors				121	0	0½
,, House of Education Fees Outstanding				44	0	0
,, Books Account (Stock at cost, as certified by the Secretary)	108	1	9½			
,, Debtors as per list	103	3	3			
				208	5	0½
,, Cash at Bank ..	70	4	1			
,, Cash in Hand ..	9	6	6½			
				79	10	7½
				£452	15	8½

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REVENUE ACCOUNT, 1st JANUARY to 31st December, 1907.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
To Rent, Gas, Coal, Salaries, &c. ..	256	16	6
,, Printing and Stationery	103	10	10
,, Postages and Parcels	29	15	2
,, Office Furniture and Fittings ..	7	4	6
,, Meetings	7	3	3
,, Subscriptions paid out	2	2	0
,, Travelling	5	1	9
,, Balance, being profit for the year, transferred to General Revenue Account	144	14	7½
	£556	8	7½

INCOME.	£	s.	d.
By Members' Subscriptions	67	16	6
,, Subscriptions and Donations ..	106	4	6
,, Capitation Fees	57	17	3
,, Affiliation Fees	1	11	6
,, House of Education	39	0	0
,, Literature	32	19	7
,, Books	84	7	0½
,, The *Parents' Review*	166	12	3
	£556	8	7½

I have compiled the above Accounts from the Books and Vouchers of the Parents' National Educational Union and the *Parents' Review*, and I certify the same to be in accordance therewith.

W. T. WALKER,
Chartered Accountant.

79, Gracechurch Street, E.C.,
2nd March, 1908.

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Number of Members, 122.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

October 22nd, 1907.—" The Teaching of Reading." Miss COCHRAN.

October 29th, 1907.—" The Teaching of English." Miss LEE.

November 5th, 1907.—" The Teaching of Geography." Miss FAUNCE.

November 12th, 1907.—" The Teaching of Oral Languages." Miss HILDA PARTINGTON.

November 19th, 1907.—" The Teaching of Writing, Arithmetic and Picture Talk." Miss PARISH.

November 22nd, 1907.—Lantern Lecture on " Holbein." Prof. SPENCER.

November 26th, 1907.—" The Teaching of History." Miss SMITH.

December 5th, 1907.—" The Teaching of Drawing." Mr. LIONEL CUST.

February 13th, 1908.—" English and American Mothers—A Contrast." Miss WOLSELEY-LEWIS.

February 20th, 1908.—" Pompeii—A Buried City." Lantern Lecture for Children. Mrs. DOUGLAS WILSON.

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March 3rd, 1908.—" The Mothers' Reading Course." The Hon. Mrs. FRANKLIN.

March 14th, 1908.—Annual Meeting. " Pilgrim's Progress," at Lincoln's Inn Hall.

March 30th, 1908.—" Medieval London." Architectural Lantern Lecture. Mr. KERSEY.

There were also Three Holiday Expeditions conducted by Mrs. EPPS to the Egyptian Rooms of the British Museum. Subject—" The House of Bondage, or Israel in Egypt."

NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

EXPEDITIONS.

A very simple course on Evolution, illustrated by four expeditions to the Zoological Gardens, conducted by Mr. FINN.

May 22nd, 1907.—Creeping Things and their Progress.

June 5th, 1907.—Fish and their Conquest of the Land.

June 19th, 1907.—Nature's Flying Machines—The Birds.

July 3rd, 1907.—The Evolution of the Beasts.

November 6th, 1907.—Shells and their Inhabitants.

December 3rd, 1907.—Birds and their Nests.

Two Expeditions conducted to the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, by Mrs. DOUGLAS WILSON.

December 30th, 1907.
January 6th, 1908.
January 13th, 1908.
} " Big Game or the Hunters and the Hunted."

Three Holiday Expeditions conducted by Mr. FINN to the Zoological Gardens. Subject—" The larger Carnivora and their prey."

March 7th, 1908.—British Museum. Conductor, Mr. T. A. JOYCE.

March 14th, 1908.—Kew Gardens. Conductor, Mr. GEORGE NICHOLSON.

March 28th, 1908.—St. Laurence, Jewry. Rev. STEPHEN BARRASS, Rector.

April 11th, 1908.—Visit to the Orient Royal Mail s.s. *Orontes*, at Tilbury.

April 25th, 1908.—West Wickham. Guide, Mr. MATHEW HUNT.

May 2nd, 1908.—Farthing Downs and Devils-den Woods. Mr. H. POOLE.

LECTURES.

November 14th, 1907.—" A Bird Sanctuary in London." WILFRED MARK WEBB, F.L.S.

February 5th, 1908.—" Children's Gardens—both Out-Door and In." Hon. Mrs. EVELYN CECIL.

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Number of Members, 113.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

November 6th, 1907.—" How to Introduce Religious Ideas to Children." Miss Carta Sturge.

December 2nd, 1907.—" Parents and their Boys." Rev. G. W. Earle, M.A.

January 10th, 1908.—" The Influence upon Life of an Appreciation of Beauty." Mr. Catterson-Smith.

February 18th, 1908 (Evening Meeting)—" Psychology of Holidays." Joint Meeting with the British Child-Study Association.

March 2nd, 1908.—" Politeness, what it is, and how to develop it in Children." Miss E. P. Hughes.

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Number of Members, 44.

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List of Lectures and Meetings :—

October 12th, 1907.—" The Fun and Philosophy of Hans Andersen." Miss Marie Shedlock.

December 3rd, 1907.—" The Girls of our Leisured Classes and their Training for Work." Miss V. K. Bannatyne.

March 5th, 1908.—" Politeness." Miss E. P. Hughes.

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Number of Members, 18.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

May 3rd, 1907.—" Homes and Haunts of Sir Walter Scott." F. A. Turner, Esq., Brentford Library.

July 10th, 1907.—" Work, Play and Amusement and their Relation to Education." Miss E. R. Murray, Maria Grey Training College.

October 11th, 1907.—" Erasmus." A. D. Dean, Esq., M.R.C.S.

November 8th, 1907.—" Bee-Keeping." Rev. W. H. Collins.

December 6th, 1907.—" The Twentieth Century Child." C. F. Cross, Esq., B.Sc.

January 24th, 1908.—" Our Relations with Music and Art." Mrs. Howard-Glover.

February 21st, 1908.—" Hints on Story Telling." A. Burrell, Esq., M.A., Principal, Borough Road College.

March 25th, 1908.—" Fra Angelico." J. L. Britten, Esq., F.L.S.

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Number of Members, 101.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

April, 1907.—" Birds we may meet." (Holiday Lecture for Children at Bird Museum.) Miss Maude Robinson.

October 22nd, 1907.—" Some Hints on the Preparation of a Boy for his First School." H. J. Carson, Esq.

November 13th, 1907.—" Occupations for Girls at Home on Leaving School." Miss Dove.

December 5th, 1907.—" Occupations for Schoolboys and Schoolgirls in Holiday Time." A. Rowntree, Esq.

January 29th, 1908.—" Religion and the Boy." A. Devine, Esq.

February 26th, 1908.—" Civic Patriotism." A. O. Jennings, Esq.

March 22nd, 1908.—" Shall I send my Son to a University ? A Question for Parents." The Rev. G. F. Sams.

During the Christmas Holidays, children were invited to visit the Museum and Art Galleries, and Three Lectures were given to them on " Pictures " ; " Prehistoric Man " ; " The Story of the Book " (Printing, etc.).

A Course of Talks to Nurses was given by Miss Parish in the Autumn.

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Number of Members, 83.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

October 30th, 1907, at Big School, Clifton College.—The Headmaster " At Home " to Members and Friends. G. K. Chesterton, Esq., lectured on " Mother-wit," and The Hon. Mrs. E. L. Franklin also spoke.

November 29th, 1907, at University College.—" Children and the Police (Probation Courts). Miss C. Dugdale, Birmingham Women's Settlement.

December 30th, 1907, at University College.—" Children's Interest in their Birthplace." George Hare Leonard, Esq., M.A.

January 21st, 1908, at Victoria Rooms.—" Parenthood." Mrs. Bramwell Booth.

January 25th, 1908.—For the Children. A Visit to Bristol Cathedral, by kind invitation of the Dean.

February 20th, 1908, at University College.—" The Child Citizen." Mrs. Higgs of Oldham.

In addition to the above Lectures, Four Informal Meetings were arranged to read Miss Mason's book on *Home Education*, on the first Wednesday in October, November, January, and February.

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Number of Members, 26.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

Educational Ideals in Different Countries.

November 6th, 1907.—Canada. Mrs. C. K. Granville.
December 6th, 1907.—Germany. Miss Amy Bramwell.
January 23rd, 1908.—France. Mademoiselle Pecontel.
February 14th, 1908.—Italy. Signorina Dobelli.
March 27th, 1908.—America. Miss Alice Woods.
April 30th, 1908.—India. Mrs. L. B. Mitter.
October 18th, 1907.—Annual General Meeting.
November 20th, 1908.—Special General Meeting.

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Number of Members, 80.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

July, 1907.—What to look for during summer holidays.
December, 1907.—Prize Distribution.
Addresses by Dr. C. W. Cunnington and the Secretary.

Rambles ;—

May 8th, 1907.—Kew Gardens.
May 22nd, 1987.—East Cote and Ruislip:
June 5th, 1907.—Zoological Gardens.
June 15th, 1907.—Stanmore Common.
June 22nd, 1907.—Northwood.
July 6th, 1907.—Epping Forest.
July 13th, 1907.—By Steamer to Greenwich Park.
September 28th, 1907.—Northwood.

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Number of Members, 33.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

November 14th, 1907.—" The Teaching of Geography to Young Children." Professor Lyde.

December 13th, 1907.—" The Art of Listening." Professor Adams.

February 14th, 1908.—" The House of Education at Work and Play." Miss Parish.

March 25th, 1908.—" Our Modern Cities : What are they teaching us ? " Mrs. Burrows.

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Number of Members, 72.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

September 24th, 1907.—" Sepping's Method of Teaching Music." Miss Sepping

October 16th, 1907.—" Mothers and Sons." Mrs. Steinthal.

December 3rd, 1907.—" Training of Artistic Tendency in Children." Miss Unwin.

February 4th, 1908.—" Training in the Habit of Truth." Miss Parish.

February 28th, 1908.—" Small Ailments in the Nursery." Dr. Ethel Williams.

March 25th, 1908.—" Children on Sunday." Mr. Robt. Bird.

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Number of Members, 104.

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List of Lectures and Meetings :—

February 3rd, 1908.—" Looking Back." The President.

February 11th, 1908.—Lecture on a book for Mothers and Teachers—*The Early Training of Young Children.* Mr. J. H. Grindrod, H.M.I.

March 6th, 1908.—" Politeness, what it is and how it can be Cultivated in Children."

It has been decided that the P.N.E.U. shall in future co-operate with the Froebel Society so as to join with them as to lecturers.

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Number of Members, 31.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

September 27th, 1907.—" Nature's Way of Meeting Dangers." Dr. Batten.

October 16th, 1907.—" On Education." Mr. Cloudesley Brereton, Div. Inspector of L.C.C.

November 18th, 1907.—" Old Camberwell." Mr. Johnston.

January 23rd, 1908.—" Obedience." Miss Parish.

February 25th, 1908.—" How our Children's Ideas are Developed." Dr. Batchelor.

March 12th, 1908.—" Children's Poetry.' Miss Ramsay.

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Number of Members, 116.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

November 4th, 1907.—" New Changes in Education."
Miss Hughes, late Principal of the Cambridge College for Secondary Teachers.

November 29th, 1907.—" Physical Activities as a Basis for Education in Home and School.
W. A. Baldwin, Esq., Principal State Normal School, Hyannis, Mass, U.S.A.

January 21st, 1908.—" Pocket Money for Home and School."
Mrs. Richard Lodge ;
H. B. Tristram, Esq., M.A., Headmaster, Loretto.

February 13th, 1908.—" Impressions of Public School Education in America." Miss Bremner, Infants' Mistress, Albion Road School.

March 18th, 1908.—" Home—the Safe-guard of Civic Life."
Rev. Harry Miller, M.A.

CHILDREN'S NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

The interest in this club has been well maintained through 1907. It has a membership of 70. The Excursions were, an interesting walk in May on Blackford Hill, conducted by Dr. Marion Newbigin, when interesting plants and rocks were examined.

In June, Mr. Pearson conducted a ramble by the water of Leith. A great variety of wild flowers were found, and the party were afterwards most kindly entertained to tea at Babberton House, Juniper Green, by Mrs. Byrom Bramwell.

In July, Professor Geddes led a party round Arthur Seat, when geography, history and philosophy were blended with Nature lore in the Professor's own particularly fascinating way. The party wound up with tea in the garden at Newington House, by invitation of Mrs. Bartholomew.

In November, the Annual Meeting of the Club was held at Newington House, when there was a good attendance. Dr. Arthur Thomson, of Aberdeen, gave an address on " Jetsam." The exhibition of collections made during the summer was not so large as usual, but showed considerable improvements in quality. Some of the collections made are to be exhibited at the Scottish National Exhibition, in summer.

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Annual Subscription (*a*) with *Review*, 10*s.* ; (*b*) without *Review*, 5*s.*

Number of Members, 77.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

October 17th, 1907.—President's Address.

November 13th, 1907.—" How to show Children the National Gallery."
Miss Annie Evans.

December 12th, 1907.—" The treatment of an English Classic with a Voluntary Class." A. Burrell, Esq.

February 13th, 1908.—" Jean Jacques Rousseau and his Disciples."
Madame Perrot.

March 12th, 1908.—" Should Girls and Boys be allowed unrestricted choice of Books ? " Members' Debate.

May 14th, 1908.—" The place of the Home in the Teaching of our Language and Literature." Prof. H. Frank Heath.

On six Wednesday afternoons in October and November last, Nurse Hodgson gave a second series of Talks to Working-Class Mothers on " How to be Healthy." She constantly dwelt on the paramount importance of training children in good habits from the very beginning. Of the 47 mothers who accepted the Committee's invitation, 18 came to *all* these Talks, and the average attendance was 33 ; in the previous autumn the average attendance was 26. The greatest interest was shown, and the mothers gained much from Nurse Hodgson's wise instruction and advice. Four ladies of the Committee were present at each of the Talks, and were glad in this way to bring some of the teaching of the P.N.E.U. before " all classes " ; they hope from this beginning to go on to greater things.

The plan of setting apart one of the six Meetings of the Branch for a Members' Debate has again proved a signal success.

On March 12th, there was an attendance of 58, and no fewer than 19 Members took part in the discussion ; the speaking was interesting throughout and showed that the subject had been thought about beforehand.

A Reading Circle was formed this session to study Miss Mason's *Home Education* Series. There are six Members only at present, who meet fortnightly, and have read and discussed the first, and part of the second book.

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Number of Members, 64.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

November 18th, 1907.—" The Unconscious Teaching of the Child." Rev. M. Gardner.

December 11th, 1907.—" Voice Production." Dr. Walker Downie.

January 21st, 1908.—" Temperament." Rev. Mr. Hutton.

February 21st, 1908.—" Les romans de l'enfance." M. Martin.

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Number of Members, 98.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

October 29th, 1907.—" The Child's Inheritance." Dr. Greville MacDonald.

November 4th, 1907.—" How to Cultivate a Love for Pictures in Children." Miss Parish.

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December 3rd, 1907.—" Sir Walter Scott and the Educational Value of Romance." The late Professor Hall Griffin.

January 29th, 1908.—" Brain Health and the Care of the Mind in Childhood and Youth." Mrs. Clare Goslett.

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Number of Members, 29.

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Number of Members, 258, and 9 additional members subscribing to the *Parents' Review* only.

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List of Lectures and Meetings :—

June 25th, 1907.—" The Art of Story-Telling." Miss SHEDLOCK.

October 17th, 1907.—" The Training of Obedience." Miss PARISH.

October 29th, 1907.—" The Child's Inheritance." Dr. GREVILLE MACDONALD.

November 12th, 1907.—" England's First Story-Teller " (Chaucer). Miss ELSA D'ESTERRE.

December 3rd, 1907.—" How our Children's Ideas Develop." The Rev. A. BATCHELOR, D.D.

January 21st, 1908.—" The Principles and Work of the Parents' National Educational Union." Miss PARISH.

January 28th, 1908.—" Religious Education." W. TEMPLE, Esq., Fellow of Queen's College, Oxford.

February 13th, 1908.—" Habit." REGINALD BRAY, Esq., L.C.C.

March 5th, 1908.—" The Children's Bookshelf, with special reference to the Catalogue of Recommended Gift Books for Children." Mrs. JOHN HENDERSON.

A Reading Circle, conducted by Mrs. STIRLING and attended by eight ladies, has met once a week during the winter months. The *Home Education* Series was read.

Members have belonged to the Natural History Club of the Belgravia Branch.

Literature sold during the year amounted to £8 0*s.* 11*d.*

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Number of Members, 105.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

November 4th, 1907.—" The Personal Element in Religious Training." BISHOP OF KNARESBOROUGH.

December 6th, 1907.—" The Wakening of Imagination." Professor VAUGHAN.

February 12th, 1908.—" Home Life Training in Girls' High Schools." Miss ROBERTSON.

March 4th, 1908.—" Politeness." Miss E. P. HUGHES.

A Natural History Club, conducted by Miss MARY SIMPSON is affiliated to this Branch.

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Number of Members,

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

June, 1907.—" A Child's Religion." Mrs. MILLER.

October 17th, 1907.—" The Books that Children Read." Mrs. KEMPTHORNE.

November 21st, 1907.—" The Education of the Home." Mr. JOHN LEA.

December 5th, 1907.—" Citizenship." Mrs. LEGGE.

January 16th, 1908.—" The Sense of Duty." Mrs. ARTHUR JAMES.

February 20th, 1908.—" Parents and Teachers." Miss SILCOX.

March 19th, 1908.—" Future Occupations." Miss ELEANOR F. RATHBONE.

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Number of Members, 41.

This Branch has been recently reconstructed after an inaugural meeting at which Lady CAMPBELL, Hon. Mrs. FRANKLIN and Miss PARISH spoke.

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Number of Members, 45.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

November 8th, 1907.—" The Teaching of History, I." Rev. D. Harford.

December 13th, 1907.—" The Teaching of History, II." Rev. D. Harford.

February 18th, 1908.—" Instruction in Religious History." Mr. W. Temple.

March 21st, 1908.—" Spring in Fields and Lanes." Miss Parish.

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Number of Members, 98.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

October 29th, 1907.—" Pictures for Children." Mr. A. W. Seaby.

November 20th, 1907.—" Early Education." Rev. J. H. D. Matthews.

January 29th, 1908.—" The Desirability of Teaching Girls Mathematics." Miss L. Ashcroft.

March 6th, 1908.—" The Teaching of French." Miss M. Grey.

April 1st, 1908.—" Mother-wit." Mr. G. K. Chesterton.

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Number of Members, 67.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

April, 1907.—" The Training of the Will." Rev. J. M. E. Ross, M.A.

May, 1907.—" The Appeal to the Spiritual." Mrs. Henderson.

September, 1907.—" Patriotism in Education." Miss Stephens.

October, 1907.—" Some Experiences of an Old Schoolmaster." Rev. W. Earle, M.A.

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Number of Members, 27.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

May 13th, 1907.—" Daughters at Home." Miss Alice Woods.

October 24th, 1907.—" Work of P.N.E.U." Miss Parish.

November 25th, 26th, 27th, 1907.—An Exhibition of Work done by Children and Students in connection with the P.N.E.U. and P.U.S. was held at 53, Church Road, Richmond (S. Catherines College).

There is a Reading Circle each Tuesday morning at the Hon. Treasurer's House.

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Number of Members, 60.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

October 31st, 1907.—" Religion in Home Life (Joint Meeting of Women's Union and P.N.E.U.). Rev. F. RAIKES.

November 12th, 1907.—" Co-operation of Parent and Schoolmaster from a Public Schoolmaster's Point of View."
Mr. FRANK FLETCHER, Headmaster of Marlborough College.

December 3rd, 1907.—" Heredity and Environment."
Mr. FORT of Winchester College.

February 18th, 1908.—" Some Aspects of the Food Question."
Dr. GILBERT KEMPE.

March 17th, 1908.—" Girls' Education as a Preparation for their Future Life." Mrs. PHILLP.

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Number of Members, 60.

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List of Lectures and Meetings :—

October 9th, 1907.—" The Advantages and Disadvantages of a College Training for our Girls." Mrs. VERRALL.

October 18th, 1907.—" The Fun and Philosophy of Hans Christian Andersen." Miss MARIE SHEDLOCK.

November 14th, 1907.—" Parents' Responsibility for the Religious Guidance of their Children after School Life."
The Right Rev. THE LORD BISHOP OF HULL.

November 28th, 1907.—" Domestic Science considered Privately and Professionally." Miss TAYLOR.

December 10th, 1907.—" Mental Hygiene and some Habits that make for successful Living." Mrs. CLARE GOSLETT.

February 4th, 1908.—" Physical Culture." Miss ROTHERA.

March 3rd, 1908.—" Horticulture and Kindred Subjects."
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Number of Members, 54.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

October 24th, 1907.—" The Old Testament : How to Read and How to Teach it." Rev. H. S. SWITHINBANK.

November 23rd, 1907.—" Engineering as a Career for Boys."
B. H. BROUGH, Esq.

December 11th, 1907.—" The Teaching of Drawing." J. R. ABLETT, Esq.

January 14th, 1908.—" Nature and Her Servants " (open lecture).
Rev. THEODORE WOOD.

February 7th, 1908.—" Careers of College Women." Miss ALICE ZIMMERN.

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March 9th, 1908.—"Physical Education." Mrs. Goslett.

After Mr. Swithinbank's Lecture a Reading Circle was formed, consisting of 16 members. The subjects chosen were Bible Teaching, and Bibical Criticism. The two volumes chosen for discussion at the fortnightly meetings were "How God inspired the Bible," by Paterson Smyth, and "Genesis the Bible for the Young," same author.

In connection with this Reading Circle a small Lending Library has been formed. Each member supplies one book to be lent to the others, bearing on the same subject. This has worked very successfully.

A Circle for French Reading has also been formed, smaller in number, and holding weekly meetings. It is hoped that more Reading Circles will be formed next Session.

A Nature Walk is in contemplation, and the Secretary hopes that with the help of W. J. Lucas, B.A., F.E.S., an ardent naturalist who knows the district thoroughly, a Natural History Club may be formed.

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Number of Members, 55.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

October 1st, 1907.—"Obedience." Miss Parish.

November 8th, 1907.—"The Natural Evolution of Picture-making as a help to Mental Growth." T. R. Ablett, Esq.

December 3rd, 1907.—"Nursery Dietetics." Miss Boileau, M.A.

February 13th, 1908.—"The Personalities of Wild Animals." Mr. Thompson Seton.

March 3rd, 1908.—"Politeness, what it is and how to develop it in Children." Miss E. P. Hughes, late Principal of Cambridge Training College.

The small Reading Circle at Boyne Hill has been continued.

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Number of Members, 52.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

October 16th, 1907.—"Comemius, his Life and his Influence on Modern Education." The Very Rev. the Dean of Durham, Dr. Kitchin.

November 13th, 1907.—"Music in Education." Miss Holland, A.R.C.M.

December 11th, 1907.—"Social Service." The Wonders of Toynbee Hall, Mr. J. E. Hervey.

February 5th, 1908.—"High Schools for Girls : Is there anything wrong with them." Dr. Airy, H.M.I.

March 18th, 1908.—"L'Education de la jeune fille en France." Madame de Pirrot.

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Number of Members, 39.

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List of Lectures and Meetings :—

October 14th, 1907.—" What the Parents' Union Aims At and Is." Mrs. Clement Parsons.

November 2nd, 1907.—" Insects." Rev. T. Wood.

November 11th, 1907.—" Obedience." Miss Parish.

January 31st, 1908.—" The Beginnings of Personality." Miss Fairbrother.

April 3rd, 1908.—" Daughters at Home." Miss Woods.

April 11th, 1908.—" Wild Flowers." Miss Roper.

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Number of Members, 68.

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List of Lectures and Meetings :—

October 25th, 1907.—" Some of the Difficulties of Modern Motherhood." Mrs. Nott Bower.

November 26th, 1907.—" Work and Play." The Rev. Canon Swallow.

December 9th, 1907.—" Scandinavian and Finnish Music." Piano, Miss Constance Jenkins ; Violin, M. Andre Mangeot.

February, 1908.—" Nansicaa—An Ideal Girl." Miss Freeman.

April 3rd, 1908.—" The Keeping of Sunday." Miss Wolseley Lewis.

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Number of Members, 50.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

May 30th, 1907.—" Teaching Girls the Management of Money." Mrs. Sproule.

June 28th, 1907.—" P.N.E.U. Teaching." Mr. D. Avery, M.A.

July 31st. 1707.—" Effect of Kindergarten Training on Character." Mrs. Champlin.

August 20th, 1907.—Address by Rev. H. F. Mercer.

September 30th, 1907.—" Facts of Physiology for our Children." Mrs. Chas. Strong.

October 31st, 1907.—" Punishment." Mrs. George Swinburne.

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The list of Meetings held during the Session has, unfortunately, not arrived before time of going to press.

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An inaugural meeting was held here in January, at which Dr. Knittell of Carlsruhe spoke on the aims and objects of the Union, with the result that a Branch was immediately formed, most of those present giving in their names as members. Further information as to officers is not yet at hand.

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The Branch was formed during 1907, and several meetings have been held. Unfortunately no report has reached us before going to press.

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VI. The teaching of Voice Production, Singing, and the Piano, on *educative* and intelligent methods.

VII. Some teaching in Human Physiology and Hygiene: the art of taking walks, hockey, Ling's Swedish drill, and graceful calisthenic exercises with the ball, skipping-rope, etc., are amongst the means of health and happiness to the use of which the students are trained.

VIII. Arts and Crafts. Prominence is given to manual training both for its own sake and as giving a just balance to character, and a variety of interests in life. Among the subjects taught are card-board sloyd, bookbinding, woodcarving, basket making, bent iron work, leather and brass work, needlework, knitting and netting. Cooking is taught so far as to enable the students to teach their pupils to cook.

The students are trained to carry their pupils through the progressive classes of the **Parents' Union** School, which includes in its programme Latin, Mathematics, Literature, History, Geography, etc., in addition to those subjects indicated above.

Special opportunities for literary culture are afforded.

The training course for certificated teachers occupies Two Years.

Students are not admitted under eighteen.

The year is divided into three terms, Spring, Summer, and Winter: the First from the middle of January to the middle of April (usually *); the Second from the end of April to the middle of July; the Third from the end of September to the middle of December.

There are three vacations, Winter, Easter, and Summer. Part of the Summer vacation is spent by the senior students in Probationary Teaching.

Students enter in January.

Fees, *payable in advance*, £25 0*s.* 0*d.* a term, including fees for books, stationery, materials and tools for handicrafts, examination fees, fees for outside classes, etc.

The students pay for their own laundry.

Students who enter for a *non-professional* training may be admitted somewhat under eighteen (*e.g.* at seventeen and a half), and such students may enter for one year, on the distinct understanding *that they do not make professional use of their training.*

Fees in such cases are the same as for the other students.

* The end of the First and the beginning of the Second Term vary with the occurrence of Easter.

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Such students, *who do not propose to teach*, and are unable to enter for a year, are received for a short course of a single Term. Fee, 30 guineas. These may enter for either of the three terms *if there should be a vacancy*.

Every student, on completing her training, must pay a fee of £5 to the *Parents' National Educational Union*. This fee, which entitles a student to the *Parents' Review* for two years, and to a life membership of the Union, may be paid in instalments, lasting over a year, to the Secretary of the P.N.E.U., at the Office, 26, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

This rule applies to all students excepting those who enter for a three months' course.

The House of Education is carried on in a finely situated building (including, besides sleeping and living rooms, Lecture Rooms, Work Room, Practising School, Gymnasium, etc.), in its own beautiful grounds.

The House of Education Certificate, which is awarded to successful students at the end of their training upon their Examination in the Theory and Practice of Education, guarantees practical skill in teaching, some knowledge of the principles of Physical, Ethical, Intellectual, and Religious Education; and that the student is instructed to train nerve and muscle, intelligence, will, and conscience in such wise as to work towards the fullest development of children committed to her care. It also certifies a knowledge of methods of teaching and of text-books; and that the student is in touch with the best educational thought. It attests, too, that she is trained to educate the hand by means of useful and delightful Home Arts. This certificate testifies, in a word, to some degree of the "all-round" qualifications necessary to those who take in hand the education of boys up to ten years of age, and of girls up to the age of sixteen or seventeen. At that age a girl should be able to specialise, and the aid of a highly qualified specialist should be called in.

The Certificate will be awarded only when the student shows herself possessed of the—to adapt a phrase—enthusiasm of childhood, which makes all work of teaching and training heart-service done to God.

The Parents' Union School issues a *common curriculum* for families and schools. Programmes of work and examination papers on them, in five classes (for pupils aged from 6-18), are sent to members term by term, and the pupils' work is examined and reported upon.

It is desirable that ladies who employ House of Education governesses should enter their children in the Parents' Union School. Also, that ladies inquiring for such governesses should not be at the same time in correspondence with other governesses seeking posts.

The interest felt in the House of Education is widespread, and it is not possible to supply the demand for governesses. Earnest and well-bred women who are looking out for good work are invited to offer themselves for training. The need of devoted co-workers in their labour of love is grievously felt by mothers, especially by some of those of the upper classes whose engagements press heavily upon them.

Apply to

The Secretary

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HOUSE OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT AND CLASS LIST OF THE EXAMINATION IN THE HISTORY, THEORY AND PRACTICE OF EDUCATION. *Christmas*, 1907.

The Ambleside House of Education forms one of the most important branches of P.N.E.U. activity. Complaint is made, not without reason, that our scholastic systems have tended hitherto rather to benumb than to stimulate spontaneity of mental effort. There may be some exaggeration but there is a substantial basis of truth in the assertion recently made by an educationist of eminence that the "typical English gentleman cannot be said to be conspicuously distinguished for intellectual interest of any kind"; and so far as the accusation is justifiable, the cause can hardly be traceable otherwise than to faults in our educational method. To correct these faults from the beginning; to create in the young such an active interest in the world around them as shall grow with their growth and never desert them, is the object with a view to which this Institution was founded and is being at present carried on. Sincere religious faith, kindly regard for the individuality of each child, and therewithal, a stimulating intellectual atmosphere—these are the influences that environ the students brought together here to be trained for their work in the homes of England, and with which they will hereafter surround the children entrusted to their care. With this recognised as the ideal, the work of the House goes on smoothly and without apparent effort—all engaged in it being moved by the same animating impulse. The high, yet essentially reasonable, aim secures a responsive loyalty. The secret spring of action—felt, however, rather than seen—is to be found in the directing mind, which, besides giving the impulse, also controls with constant thoughtfulness, and is ever alert to provide the best methods that may help to further the great object in view.

These introductory remarks will be found to be fully justified by the ensuing record of the matters that came under my observation at my recent visit. These are here described in detail.

On the evening of my arrival, I was first of all introduced to an exhibition of drill of various kinds,—dance-drill, ball-drill, Swedish, etc.—executed all of them by the students at the word of command of one of themselves, who for the nonce becomes captain. The instructions are given in the first instance by a former student of the Bedford Public Training College, who comes for some time each year; and the students quickly take up her methods and are able afterwards in turn to assume command. The precision with which the exercises were carried out before me commanded my amazed wonderment, and the drill cannot but be excellent for promoting physical development. An addition has been made since last year to the facilities for physical exercise. An out-building has been fitted up as a gymnasium, and here the exercises of the Swedish boom are practised—of course, in suitable costume—under the same kind of alternation of command as in the previously described drill.

On the following morning, dumb-bell drill, marching, forming fours, etc., were performed before me under the direction of the Sergeant, who visits periodically. These, as usual, were done very effectively.

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Instruction in Arts and Crafts—needlework, basket work, cardboard sloyd, bookbinding and embossed leather work—is now given by Miss Drury, a former student who has taken the post vacated by Miss Barnett. Miss Drury is entirely *au fait* with all the requirements, and her business-like proficiency secures a quiet effectiveness for all her efforts. In addition to the Arts and Crafts, she teaches Biology, Nature Lore, Botany, etc., and continues to give some lessons upon astronomy, and on styles of architecture. She undertakes the lessons in vocal music, and under her guidance, the students took before me a difficult exercise in the higher ranges of the tonic sol-fa, and showed themselves able to write down in staff notation phrases given in minor keys.

During my visit, a set lesson was given before me by Miss Drury to students of both years on the peculiarities of the Structure of Birds. She was evidently quite at home in discussing the subject and brought her points very effectively to the notice of the students. The lesson was appropriately concluded with a quotation from Ruskin as to the ethereal nature of our feathered friends.

Lessons were also given during my visit by Mlle. Mottu, by Miss Kitching, by Miss Sumner, and by the Vice-Principal, Miss Williams.

Lazare Hoche formed the subject of Mlle. Mottu's lesson, which was given by her with her usual vivacity and point, not without interludes of questioning and answer; of course, both in French. At the end the students were questioned by her on French History, on which as well as on French Literature, she had during the year given courses of lectures, and they showed themselves at no loss with the details of the subject.

The instruction in Art is undertaken by Miss Sumner, who gave a lesson before me to a mixed class. The subject was, "How to Direct Children in Learning to Draw," and special insistence was laid upon the importance of a clearly conceived idea in the child's mind of an end to be accomplished, as well as of power in execution; this notion being illustrated by samples of attempts made by different children. Miss Sumner also impressed upon the students the importance of not discouraging children by too direct interference in the way of fault-finding correction, and on the other hand of promoting spontaneity.

In the unavoidable absence of Frl. Grimm, the German Lesson was ably taken by Miss Kitching. A passage was chosen from Schiller's *Der Neffe als Onkel*. This was read aloud by the students who made inquiries as to any difficulties felt by them. This was followed by questions asked by Miss Kitching on any peculiarities, as well as on the general drift. Throughout, German speaking only was adopted. One important feature which should be mentioned, is an exercise in "Narration," the students giving (in German) their own version of what had been read.

Miss Williams with students of the First Year took a sum in "Mixtures," illustrating by it three different methods which might be employed—that of arithmetic or first principles, that of algebra, and the graphic or geometric method. Miss Williams also took a mixed class in Latin, a passage of Virgil being chosen for the occasion; judicious questioning being made by her on salient points.

A child-pianist lesson was also very well given by one of the students, Miss Henderson.

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Cookery is practised still, and, as heretofore, this craft has been under the superintendence of Miss Firth. The dainty creations resulting bespeak the care and interest taken by the students under Miss Firth's teaching.

The Practising School was of course visited by me, and the exercise books were carefully examined. It is with great satisfaction that I am able to testify to the pains and accuracy with which these had been supervised by the students, as well as to the neatness with which they were written. The children I found to be all cheerfully busy over their lessons, and I noted with satisfaction that they were freely in the habit of asking questions. It is scarcely necessary to mention that in the instruction of the pupils, P.N.E.U. principles and methods are kept in view, and that by the aid of the best books, telling pictures, etc., and by narration in their own words of what has been read by them or brought to their notice, living, alert interest and spontaneity are aroused.

The second evening of my visit was enlivened by readings and songs in which students and teachers took part, and the last evening was devoted to a grand finale—the performance of Moliere's play of *L'Avare*. This was acted by First Year students in the orthodox Louis Quatorze manner and with corresponding costumes. The parts were entered into with gusto, and the French pronunciation of almost all of the performers was surprisingly good, and testified to the success of Mlle. Mottu's efforts.

Sample lessons were, as usual given by the Second Year students, who also displayed their reading powers before me. Great attention is given to this important exercise. The class list given below depends to some extent upon the marks assigned for the teaching and reading, but mainly upon the results of the written examination on Educational History, Psychology and Method. I append the Report.

Report on Second Year Students.

The papers on the History of Education are almost uniformly very good. They show a really comprehensive and intelligent knowledge of the subject, and a clear appreciation of the influences by which educational method has been from time to time directed in one or another channel. Very high commendation is due in respect of this subject.

In the difficult study of Psychology, advance has been made. Both in the answers upon it and also in those on Method, a clear understanding was shewn of the general notions that ought to be kept in view by those who are concerned with the education of the young. This is especially the case in respect of those principles on which the P.N.E.U. takes its stand, and, in the sample lessons given, these were shown to govern their practice.

The Reading deserves much praise.

CLASS LIST.

CLASS I.	CLASS II.	CLASS III.
R. J. WATTERS	H. C. MANN	E. R. BENYON-WINSOR
O. THORP	E. FROST	
M. E. FRANKLIN	J. MACFARLANE	
	G. I. BRADFORD	
	C. E. HENDERSON	

C. H. PAREZ,
Formerly one of H.M. Chief Inspectors of Schools.

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Examiner's Report upon the Students' Nature Note Books.

Christmas, 1907.

Nine books were submitted to me to be reported upon. The best work in these books is undoubtedly the purely observational. There is, however, some difference amongst them, both in quality and quantity. The order of the list will indicate roughly the order of excellence. The drawings are surprisingly good, even when a little too impressionistic. The range of poetical selections might with advantage be extended; there is yet a large amount of good nature poetry in the English language not drawn upon.

The bird and flower lists at the end of the books are not quite satisfactory. They are seldom complete; and the scientific names are often incorrectly given and carelessly spelt. Some of the descriptions of the way in which the holiday was spent are delightful.

I had again a very happy visit to Scale How in June, and a most delightful walk with the students. The weather was against us, but our enthusiasm was far superior to any depressing conditions. So great was the interest that it is recorded against us by the more active spirits that it took us about four hours to walk only three miles. But this is not surprising when every footstep revealed new objects of interest. Two entirely new flowers were added to the list, and acquaintance made with several new creatures. A good account of this walk will be found in all the Note Books.

I had also an opportunity of going over the Students' gardens. A few were commendable, but I should like to see the students a little more interested in this work. I am well aware that the difficulties to be overcome in the making of botanical gardens are great.

ALFRED THORNLEY, F.L.S., F.E.S.

The Class List.

Class I.	Class II.
C. Mann	M. E. Franklin
Olive Thorp	Rosina Benyon Winsor
Edith Frost	F. Macfarlane
Constance Henderson	Jocelyn Watters
G. Bradford	

Critical Notes on each Book.

C. Mann. A nice and full book. Some of the drawings are very good. The notes are evidently made with great pains. The bird and flower lists require more attention.

Olive Thorp. This book is very full of well recorded observations. The drawings are also good. The bird and flower lists want more care; and are not perfectly filled up.

Edith Frost. A nice book. The drawings very good; the notes are nice and compact. Should put the names of the authors to the poems and quotations. There are some tiresome blanks. The lists want more attention with respect to the scientific names.

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Constance Henderson. The drawings in this book are very good. The poetical selections also. The scientific names want more attention; the naming of creatures is not always correct. The observations show great appreciation of natural beauty.

G. Bradford. Quite a nice book. Some of the drawings are very good. The lists want a good deal more care; particularly the scientific names.

M. E. Franklin. This book ends abruptly on August 14th. It is, however, very full of excellent observations. The account of the holiday spent in the Farne Islands is extremely well written and most interesting. Could not the writing be a little better and tidier?

Rosina Benyon Winsor. This very nice book stops abruptly on September 4th. The notes and drawings are good. The flower list is not fully filled up.

F. Macfarlane. A nice book and well filled with observations, but why does it stop abruptly on October 4th? The scientific names want much more attention; and there were a good many places in the lists which were not filled up.

Jocelyn Watters. A good book which displays a great appreciation of natural beauty. The drawings are good. The last three months of the year, however, are only represented by poetical extracts. The account of the holiday is very good. The lists want a great deal more care.

Examination in Cardboard Modelling.

Held at the House of Education, Ambleside, March 23rd, 1907.

Teacher's Certificate.

G. Bradford	J. Macfarlane
C. E. Henderson*	H. C. Mann*
M. Jennings	O. Thorpe
M. E. Franklin	E. R. B. Winsor
E. Frost*	

National Health Society.

Result of Examination on Hygiene, held at The House of Education, Ambleside, December, 1907.

Passed.

Christine Cooper	Georgina Clendinnen
Kathleen Monica Robotham	Dorothy Florence Evans
Margaret Vine	Dorothy Ellen Norris
Winifred Selkirk Henderson	Jessie Evelyn Crayden
Dorothy Courtney	Hilda Cecil Biggar
Rosetta Hart	Jean Bruce
Mary L. James	

* With distinction.

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THE PARENTS' UNION SCHOOL.

Conducted by Miss Charlotte M. Mason.

MOTTO:—"I AM, I CAN, I OUGHT, I WILL"

The object of the Parents' Union School is to help parents whose children are taught at home, by mother or governess, in the following ways:—

(*a*) To secure a common standard of attainment, so that the home-taught child shall be equal to the rest when he goes to school.

(*b*) To do this without sacrificing individual development, and the following of the bent of each child's tastes and powers.

(*c*) To introduce good methods and good text-books into the home Schoolroom.

(*d*) To foster the habits of attention, punctuality, diligence, promptness, and the power of doing given work in a given time.

(*e*) To secure the gain of definite work upon a given syllabus, without the danger of "cram."

(*f*) To test and encourage the home school from term to term by examinations, testing intelligent knowledge rather than verbal memory.

(*g*) To give the home-taught child advantages which the school-taught child possesses.

(*h*) In a word, while increasing rather than diminishing the leisure of the home-taught child, to counteract any dawdling, dilatory, procrastinating habits, which put him at a disadvantage as compared with the smarter school-child.

This help is given in the following ways:—

"Preliminary questions" are sent to mothers, framed to ascertain the physical and mental development as well as the attainments of each child. Upon the answers to these the children are classified and a programme of work for a term is sent for the children in each class, together with *Time-tables*, and the "*Rules of the School.*" At the end of a term the children's work is tested by an examination. Examination papers are sent at Easter, Christmas and Midsummer. At Easter and Christmas the pupil's work is sent up, and the parents receive a report upon it. For the Mid-summer examination the work is not sent up, but the parents send up their report.

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FEES (payable to the Secretary, House of Education, Ambleside): *One Guinea* a year for a family of one or more children under ten years of age. *Two Guineas* for one child over ten. *Three Guineas* for a family in which one or more children are over ten.

Children are not admitted to the School under six years of age; they may be admitted at any time except between August 1st and September 15th.

Members of the Parents' Union School must belong to the P.N.E.U., Subscriptions, 10*s*. a year, to include the *Parents' Review*, payable to the Secretary, P.N.E.U. Office, 26, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

SCHOOLS.

The Parents' Union Curriculum (worked by Miss Mason, who alone is responsible).

As adapted for the use of SCHOOLS.

MOTTO: "I AM, I CAN, I OUGHT, I WILL."

The Parents' Union School was originally devised to introduce some of the advantages of school-training into home education. It seems, however, that the methods used should be as valuable in schools as they have proved in home teaching. Even supposing the Heads of Schools do not avail themselves of the Curriculum for their Higher Forms, the boys in "Lower Schools," the Lower Divisions of Girl's Schools, Preparatory Schools,—scholars, generally, under 14 or 15, should profit by:—

(*a*) A definite and progressive syllabus of work for each term.

(*b*) A definite number of pages set, term by term, in a good many living, and most interesting, books.

(*c*) Examination papers at the end of each term.

(*d*) Short hours.

(*e*) No preparation.

(*f*) Few "corrections."

(*g*) A carefully-arranged syllabus, term by term, including nature work, handicrafts, art work, etc.

Various helps in the way of suggestions, regulations, time-tables, etc., should be of use to teachers.

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The School is worked upon the principle that children should be educated upon Things and Books. Therefore great attention is given to field work, handicrafts, art studies, and to the selection of the best books. Children get the habit of using books and of delighting in them; they acquire a love of nature, some manual dexterity, some ability to produce what they see with brush or charcoal, and some power to appreciate art.

These few considerations may have weight with the heads of schools:—

1. The cost of the books per scholar for eight years of school life—from six to fourteen—does not *average* more than £1 a year. The books of scholars in Class IV. cost considerably more.

2. Two-and-a-half, for Class I., to three-and-a-half hours a day for Class III., is ample time for the whole of this book education.

3. Much writing is unnecessary, because the scholars have the matter in their books and know where to find it.

4. Classes are able to occupy themselves in study with pleasure and profit.

5. Teachers are relieved of the exhausting drudgery of many corrections.

6. Scholars have the afternoons for handicrafts, nature-work, walks, games, etc.

7. The evenings are free, whether at school or at home, for reading aloud, choral singing, hobbies, etc.

(In Preparatory and other Boys' Schools, where the demands of Latin and Greek are paramount, the usual time for preparation will, no doubt, be required.)

8. Scholars get many intelligent interests, beget hobbies, and have leisure for them.

9. There is no distressing cramming for the term's examination. The scholars know their work, and find it easy to answer questions set to find out what they know, rather than what they do not know.

10. Children of any age, however taught hitherto, take up this sort of work with avidity.

11. Boys and girls who have been taught in this way take up ordinary school work, preparation for examinations, etc., with intelligence, zeal, and success.

This kind of work, besides making children proficient in the usual studies of the schoolroom, should, and does, result in the power of the scholar:—

(*a*) To grasp the sense of a passage of some length at a single reading.

(*b*) To spell, and express himself in writing with ease and correctness.

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(*c*) To give an orderly and detailed account of any subject he has studied.

(*d*) To describe in writing, or orally, what he has seen, or heard from the newspapers.

Schools are qualified to use the Parents' Union curriculum upon the following conditions:—

i. That the programmes of not less than two classes shall be worked out in as many subjects as possible, but at least in six, *including all the historical subjects.*

ii That the *amount* of time for each of these subjects shall *be not more nor less* than that stated on the Time-tables.

iii. That each child in these classes shall have, and read for himself, *his own books* as set in his programme in the subjects chosen.

iv. That sets of answers, according to the membership fee, shall be submitted for examination at the usual times.

Fees (payable, in advance, to the Secretary of the P.N.E.U., 26, Victoria Street, S.W.): *One Guinea a Year* entitles a School to receive the papers for Classes I. and II. from term to term*; the answers of *one* pupil in each Class (I*b*. and II.) must be sent to Ambleside (addressed to the Secretary, House of Education, and marked "SCHOOLS" on the wrapper); and all the children in these classes must take the examinations.

Three Guineas entitles to all the papers of the School; the examination papers of *one pupil in each of the classes* working in the School MUST be sent up, and all must take the examinations.

Thus *One Guinea* entitles to the examination of four sets of papers a year—the work of four scholars; *three guineas*, to that of eight or ten sets, the work of as many scholars.†

Teachers are occasionally invited to send up the examination work of a whole class.

Either fee secures for pupils the advantages enumerated under *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*, *e*, *f*, *g*.

A fee of £2 2*s*. 0*d*. (plus travelling expenses) entitles a school to a visit from the *Official Organizer* of the Union. Such a visit should be of use to the Head of a School in arranging Nature Work, Handicrafts, etc.; also in organising work, indicating how such and such subjects are taught in the School, etc. (Apply to the Secretary, 26, Victoria Street).

Examination papers are sent at Christmas, Easter, and Midsummer. At Easter and Christmas the pupils' work is sent up (as directed), and a report is made upon it. For the Midsummer examination the work is not sent up, but the teacher sends a report for which he receives a form.

* For several terms all the programmes of the curriculum were sent to all Heads of Schools entered on the register in order that teachers might be able to see the scheme at work as a whole, but it was found that teachers who entered for Classes I*b*. and II. used also the programmes for Classes III. and IV., that is, work was done upon the curriculum which was not submitted to any test. For this reason it was necessary to make some change in the regulations.

† The work of a different scholar should, as far as possible, be sent each term.

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Classes of not less than ten children may be registered on the same conditions as Schools. Children under six are not admitted to the "School"; schools may be admitted at any time (between August 1st and September 15th application should be made to 26, Victoria Street). The programmes for the autumn term are issued in the middle of July so that arrangements may be made, books procured, etc., before the summer vacation. A term's notice is requested before withdrawal.

A Register of Schools working on the Parents' Union curriculum is kept at the office and a list appears occasionally in the *Parents' Review*.

Schools which fail to send in sets of examination papers *and to observe the conditions* are erased from this Register. The Heads of Schools adopting this scheme *must be members of the P.N.E.U.* (subscription, additional 10*s*., to include the *Parents' Review*: for particulars write to Secretary). The Committee of the P.N.E.U. take no responsibility with regard to these Schools, beyond the assurance that certain classes in each work in the School, but prospectuses may be sent to the Secretary and seen at the Office.

A large number of complete sets of examination answers may be seen at the office, and further information can be had from the Secretary, P.N.E.U. Office, 26, Victoria Street, London, S.W.

The following letter may make some points clearer:

House of Education,

Ambleside,

June 26th, 1906.

DEAR———,

Thank you heartily for your frank letter. Of your goodwill and that of the Heads of Schools who came here* I have had abundant proof, but the question is, as you put it, how far can we work together?

Your view is, I gather, one that has come before us very often:—Is it not possible to pay a fee, receive the papers of the Parents' Union Curriculum and make as much or as little use of them as we think well? This appears, on the face of it, an attitude justifiable from every point of view, but I think that by admitting that position we should be doing serious harm to the cause of education, adding one more patch to a garment which is already a patchwork over which most of us grieve.

You will see by the above prospectus that four conditions are attached to the use of the Curriculum. Great pains have been taken to secure that these conditions should press as lightly as possible upon Schools; they need not touch more than six or seven hours a week of the school time; only a single test paper from each class working in the Curriculum need be sent up; indeed I think you will see that it would not be possible to ask less of Schools whose Heads wish to help in what may become a very important educational movement.

* To a Conference of Headmasters and Headmistresses held in Ambleside, June, 1906.

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Those who do not regard education as a vital whole but as a sort of conglomerate of good ideas, good plans, traditions and experiences, do well to adopt and adapt any good idea they come across. But our conception of education is of a vital whole, harmonious, living and effective. You will see, therefore, that every little plan we recommend rises out of a principle and that each such principle is a part of a living educational philosophy (if I may call it so), and does not very well bear to be broken off and used by itself.

Narration, for example, which is to us no more than a simple, natural way of expression before a child can write (or after, to save much writing), might easily become the dead mechanical exercise which has been imported from elsewhere, *intended* to teach all sorts of things, vocabulary, composition, and so on. The use of many books, again,—you see at once how that might become (apart from the conditions we lay down) an incentive to much cramming and overpressure.

A man who has invented a saucepan lid is protected until the world has found out whether that particular saucepan lid is of use to it; and I sometimes wish that some protection could be given to ideas until they have had time to justify themselves. Both literature and education suffer from our habit of picking up here and there. As for books, they are, of course, common property, and two or three lists of the books we use have been published (in *Home Education, School Education, Some Suggestions towards a Curriculum*, P.N.E.U. Office).

No class lists *in order of merit* are published or even kept. The marks assigned to a scholar for any set of papers simply show whether he is above or below the average for his age and class and have no place value whatever.

But in order that there may be no undue pressure on the part of teachers, no eagerness on the part of the scholar to obtain marks to the neglect of interest in knowledge, the maximum marks are given, not to the best papers, but to papers showing quite satisfactory progress for the age and class of the pupil.

I am laying our position before you very fully because I know you will give what I say gentle and candid consideration; and you will see, I think, that it is not possible to take part in this movement unless one complies with *some* conditions. All life is conditioned—is it not? But you will tell me sometime, when you have leisure, if you think the four conditions of the above prospectus unreasonable.

Believe me, very truly yours,

CHARLOTTE M. MASON.

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REGISTER OF SCHOOLS.*

Some classes of which work in the Parents' Union School and are tested by P.R.S. Examiner:—

Principal.	School.	Girls or Boys.	Classes Working in P.R.S.
Miss Allen	Cargate, Aldershot	Girls and boys	I., II., III. and IV.
Miss Arnstein and Miss von Hennig	Pennthorpe, Chislehurst	Girls	II. and III.
Miss Ambler	Risca, Reigate	Girls	Ia., Ib., II., III. and IV.
Miss Beck	Fridhem, Heacham, King's Lynn	Girls	Ib., II. and III.
Miss Bernau	*Parents' Review* School, Ambleside, Woodville Road, Blackheath, S.E.	Girls and small boys	I., II., and III.
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Music for the "Parents' Review" School and other Members of the Union, by Mrs. Howard Glover.

In order to complete the scheme of musical education already set forth in the syllabus of the *Parents' Review* School, a list of six pieces is published in the *Parents' Review, before* the holidays, three times a year, with which the pupil is to become not only acquainted, but familiar, during the term.

The execution of music, and practice in the technique of the art, is only one side of a musical training. It is also necessary to train the ear to an understanding of the classics, in order that a child may enter into the heritage which genius has bequeathed to him; in order, too, that he should understand and love the literature of music, in the same way that we try to imbue him with an appreciation of all the great masterpieces of writers and painters.

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With this end in view, it is suggested that during the coming three months the teacher, parent, or any available friend, should play the following compositions to the children, beginning with one movement if necessary, and gradually extending the *repertoire*, until they become well-known and loved. If no executant is at hand, the services of a pianola need not be disdained, although, of course, it must be regarded as a second best.

A daily musical half-hour of this nature will be found to awaken keen musical enthusiasm in the children, even in those who have shown no aptitude in their music lessons, and the idea of music will be lifted above the drudgery which is inseparable from the practice of technical difficulties.

A clever teacher will further make use of this opportunity for hints on musical form and musical history, as brought out and illustrated in what is being played. The pieces selected might be studied and performed by the more advanced pupils themselves.

There are many households where it is not easy to arrange for the carrying out of this programme at home. A desire has been expressed that a pianist should be engaged to play the pieces once a week to children in London, the expense being thus shared by several families. Will any parents, who desire to co-operate in this scheme, communicate with Mrs. Lock, 26, Victoria Street, S.W. ?

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This Album contains among others the following three *Songs* to be selected for this term, and sung, if possible, by the children themselves :

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PARENTS' UNION SCHOOL.

Examiner's Report, Examination 47. Easter, 1907.

The amount of work sent up shows some diminution as compared with previous examinations, but this is fully accounted for by the short term. It affords pleasure, however, to be able to report that the excellent standard of work reached in previous years is again approached in this, and shows satisfactory improvement on the results of examination 46 (the last examination)—about 27% of the papers have gained the mark "excellent."

Class IV. again shows the same intelligent interest in and keen appreciation of the subject of literature. The questions in Bible Lessons brought out some brilliant answers, but there are too many that fail to give the practical application of the subject due attention. Every-day morals are fairly answered. In Geology, question 3 revealed some confusion. Questions 2 and 3 in Arithmetic are only seldom correctly answered, and the proofs in Euclid are frequently wanting in conclusiveness ; statements of propositions being given as proofs. Algebra has only a few satisfactory papers.

Class III. Bible Lessons, as in the higher class, show weakness in the practical application, but the narrative is very generally excellent. English Grammar shows some improvement, but weakness still remains in parsing and analysis, and there is considerable confusion in many cases as to passive participles. Historical subjects are excellent. The phrase, "as the crow flies," in the Geography question, was only very seldom understood, and the latitudes and longitudes given were almost total failures. The Physical Geography was less satisfactory than might have been expected, the inclination of the earth's axis to the plane of the ecliptic not being clearly grasped as the determining cause of the seasons. A cubic block in question 3 of Arithmetic received varied answers.

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Class II. History, Dictation, Bible Lessons, Natural History and Geography were generally very satisfactory. English Grammar was weak in parsing and analysis; whilst questions 2 and 3 were, on the whole, well answered. The somewhat difficult questions for this class in Practical Geometry were found generally to be beyond their grasp—question 2 especially being seldom understood. Picture Talk showed decided improvement.

Class I. sent up some very promising and encouraging work.

Schools. The work from the Schools was, on the whole, satisfactory; but difficulty has evidently been experienced in very many cases in following out strictly the full syllabus of work. Where the plan of work has been able to be most nearly followed the best results are shown. There are a few excellent papers.

(*Signed*, J. B.)

French.—Les Résumés de la IV. Classe et de la III. sont très satisfaisants. Il est à regretter qu'on se soit servi du mot velocipède qui est démodé. *Avis aux maîtresse.* Le mot jeu signifie en français ce qu'on joue entre enfants tel que colin—mailan cache—cache, la toupie, le cerceau cerf-volant sont des jouets! Les phrases reconstruites sur les mots des séries montrent que le travail a été fait avec intelligence et non pas lettre morte ou langue morte!

(*Signed*, J. M.)

"A few of the German papers were very promising indeed. The rest (with the exception of two or three) were fair."

M. G.

"Of the animal studies, two large studies in colour of a grey striped kitten were good appreciations of form as shown by the light on it. When the model is not present, the smaller studies are useful to set down such facts of colour, form, and lighting as are remembered. Work should be both from the model, when present, and from memory, both large and small in scale, according to age and capacity of the child, both in colour and black and white, according to its opportunities and tastes. Do not be a slave to one method. The original illustration is not this term very successful, through failure to make the figures express anything. The point aimed at is to get a story told, *i.e.*, to make a statement and this may be a statement of good colour, or of an effect of lighting in the picture, or of action by the figures, or of their attractive form, or of a handsome face, or of the hang of their drapery, or of any other fact, which, if it gets clearly stated, makes the picture so far a success. Let the teacher look in the child's work for some statement of fact, and encourage any effort to state that the story illustrated happened in such and such a particular way, *i.e.*, as that there were trees there and some were near and some farther off, and their boughs grew so, or that there was a wood in the distance and it made a dark line, or that the ground under the trees was red with fallen leaves, or that a child had a pinafore hanging crooked, or the man was walking fast. Nothing but observation of nature will give material for statement of such facts."

M. L. S.

Examiner's Report on Examination 49.

A review of the work of the 49th examination does not show any special features demanding many remarks differing much from the reports on previous examinations. The amount of intelligent reading accomplished by the higher classes appears to have been greater than the average of recent terms, and shows itself, especially in Bible Lessons and History, in the very full answers given to the questions asked. These could, however, in some instances with advantage, be shorter.

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The strong subjects again are History, Bible Lessons and Natural History—except Roman History which shows a slight falling away from the higher standard recently reached. Some excellent papers in Geology and Biology were done.

The weak subjects in all classes are Mathematics; Arithmetic giving better results than Euclid or Algebra; but the two latter show some slight improvement. It is only fair, however, to add that the results in Arithmetic are adversely affected by the difficulty experienced in working correctly the very long calculation needed in question 1 in Class III. for beginners.

The Physical Geography of Class III. in question 1 was seldom answered quite satisfactorily, the subject matter being found either too difficult to understand or to express clearly. Parsing and Analysis, too, were disappointing, even in cases in which the other grammar questions were well answered.

The work sent up from the Schools showed a decided all round improvement.

On the whole, I have pleasure in reporting that a very satisfactory term's work has again been done, reflecting much credit on pupils and teachers for industry and educational zeal.

J. B.

Drawing.—There are not so many drawings in Classes III. and IV. as usual. Of those sent there are fewer showing misuse of bright pigments or confirmed habits of misdrawing the figure and ignorance of perspective. The subject best taken up has been the "Sea with two boats." It has been treated with real imagination. The animal drawings are almost all worth looking at.

M. L. S.

February 6th, 1908.

French.—Very satisfactory work has been sent in. In Class III. some papers in French History were excellent.

N.B.—Will English teachers who teach French remember that the verb *mouvoir* is used only figuratively in French. In almost every case children have used it as meaning to *move*. "Mu par la pitié il lui donne sa bourse," *not* "Il meut les chaises."

J. M.

German.—On the whole the papers were better. The formation of sentences in some cases is very good; but more care must be taken in the construction and order of German words in parsation, of the tales in set books, in simple and complex sentences. The declensions were better, but more attention must be paid to the declensions of nouns with adjectives. More examples of idioms and idiomatic phrases and verbs must be learnt.

M. G.

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WHAT IS THE PARENTS' NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL UNION?

The Parents' National Educational Union has arisen in response to a demand from thoughtful parents. It has grown out of their desire to study the laws which govern habit and the principles upon which to select ideas that inspire and educate; their desire to know how to deal with hereditary tendencies and how to give intelligent supervision and guidance to the development of their children's whole nature—physical, mental, moral, and spiritual.

The rapid accumulation during late years of data bearing upon the interaction of body, mind and moral sense, has made it needful to reconsider many old-established ideas about Education. Parents and teachers are now aware that they must to some extent neutralize each other's work and weaken its results, unless they take counsel together.

The Union aims at giving opportunities for the study of Educational problems, and a meeting ground for intercourse between parents, teachers, and all who are interested in Education. Special stress is laid on the use of the word Education, in its widest sense, not as meaning instruction only, but the development of the whole nature, on the underlying principle that "Character is everything." The two functions of Education (as it is understood by the Union), are the presentation of ideas and the formation of habits. These two, it will be seen, are the chief means at our disposal for the modification of character.

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PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTS.

The Central Principles, to which all Local Branches of the Society—(while free to organize themselves)—shall be pledged, are :—1. That a Religious basis of work be maintained. 2. That the series of addresses and other means employed by the Union shall be so arranged as to deal with Education under the following heads : (*a*) Physical ; (*b*) Mental ; (*c*) Moral ; and (*d*) Spiritual. 3. That arrangements concerning Lectures, etc., be made with a view to the convenience of fathers as well as of mothers. That the work of the Union be arranged to help parents of all classes. *The Objects are* :—(*a*) To assist parents of all classes to understand the best principles and methods of Education in all its aspects, and especially in those which concern the formation of habits and character. (*b*) To create a better public opinion on the subject of the training of children, and with this object in view, to collect and make known the best information and experience on the subject. (*c*) To afford to parents opportunities for co-operation and consultation, so that the wisdom and experience of each may be profitable to all. (*d*) To stimulate their enthusiasm, through the sympathy of numbers acting together. (*e*) To secure greater unity and continuity of Education, by harmonizing home and school training.

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A SHORT SYNOPSIS

OF THE

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY ADVANCED BY THE FOUNDER OF THE PARENTS' NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL UNION.

"No sooner doth the truth . . . . . come into the soul's sight, but the soul knows her to be her first and old acquaintance."

"The consequence of truth is great ; therefore the judgment of it must not be negligent."

In so far as we hold and profess what is known as P.N.E.U. thought, three duties are before us : (*a*) To give earnest study to the mastery of the principles of our educational philosophy* ; (*b*) Having mastered these, to apply them ; (*c*) To make them known. Here follows a short summary of our principles, but it must be remembered that a knowledge of these formulæ is by no means a knowledge of the principles they aim at summing up.

1. Children are born *persons*.
2. They are not born either good or bad, but with possibilities for good and for evil.
3. The principles of authority on the one hand, and of obedience on the other, are natural, necessary and fundamental ; but—
4. These principles are limited by the respect due to the personality of children, which must not be encroached upon, whether by fear or love, suggestion or influence, or undue play upon any one natural desire.
5. Therefore, we are limited to three educational instruments—the atmosphere of environment, the discipline of habit, and the presentation of living ideas.
6. When we say that "*education is an atmosphere*," we do not mean that a child should be isolated in what may be called a "child-environment" especially adapted and prepared, but that we should take into account the educational value of his natural home atmosphere, both as regards persons and things, and should let him live freely among his proper conditions. It stultifies a child to bring down his world to the "child's" level.

* These are set forth at length in the volumes of the *Home Education Series* published by Kegan Paul & Co., price 3*s*. 6*d*.

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7. By "*education is a discipline,*" we mean the discipline of habits, formed definitely and thoughtfully, whether habits of mind or of body. Physiologists tell us of the adaptation of brain structures to habitual lines of thought, *i.e.*, to our habits.

8. In saying that "*education is a life,*" we imply the need of intellectual and moral as well as of physical sustenance. The mind feeds on ideas; and, therefore, children should have a generous curriculum.

9. But the mind is not a receptacle into which ideas may be dropped, each idea adding to an "apperception mass" of its like, the theory on which rests the Herbartian doctrine of interest.

10. We hold, on the contrary, that the child's mind is no mere sack to hold ideas, but is rather (if the figure may be allowed) a spiritual organism with an appetite for all knowledge. This is its proper diet, with which it is prepared to deal; and which it can digest and assimilate as the body does foodstuffs.

11. This difference is not a verbal quibble. The Herbartian doctrine lays the stress of Education (the preparation of knowledge in enticing morsels duly ordered) upon the teacher. Children taught on this principle are in danger of receiving much teaching with little knowledge; and the teachers' axiom is "the thing that matters is not what a child learns but how he learns it."

12. We, on the contrary, believing that the normal child has powers of mind which fit him to deal with all knowledge proper to him, give him a full and generous curriculum, taking care only that all knowledge offered to him is vital, that is, that facts are not presented without their informing ideas. Out of this conception comes our principle that,—

13. "*Education is the Science of Relations*"; that is, that a child has natural relations with a vast number of things and thoughts: so we train him upon physical exercises, nature, handicrafts, science and art, and upon *many living* books, for we know that our business is not to teach him all about anything, but to help him to make valid as many as may be of—

"Those first-born affinities
That fit our new existence to existing things."

14. We have also two secrets of moral and intellectual self-management to offer to children, which we may call "the way of the will" and "the way of the reason."

15. *The way of the will:* Children should be taught, (*a*) to distinguish between "I want" and "I will." (*b*) That the way to will effectively is to turn our thoughts from that which we desire but do not will. (*c*) That the best way to turn our thoughts is to think of or do some quite different thing, entertaining or interesting. (*d*) That after a little rest in this way, the will returns to its work with new vigour. (This adjunct of the will is familiar to us as ***diversion***, whose office it is to ease us for a time from will effort that we may will again

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with added power. The use of suggestion—even self-suggestion—as an aid to the will is to be deprecated, as tending to stultify and stereotype character. It would seem that spontaneity is a condition of development; that human nature needs the discipline of failure as well as of success.)

16. *The way of the reason:* We teach children, too, not to "lean (too confidently) to their own understanding"; because the function of reason is to give logical demonstration (*a*) of mathematical truth, (*b*) of an initial idea, accepted by the will. In the former case, reason is an infallible guide, but in the latter, it is not always a safe one; for, whether that initial idea be right or wrong, reason will confirm it by irrefragable proofs.

17. Therefore, children should be taught, as they become mature, enough to understand such teaching, that the chief responsibility which rests on them as persons is the acceptance or rejection of initial ideas. To help them in this choice we give them principles of conduct, and a wide range of the knowledge fitted to them. These three principles (15, 16 and 17) should save children from some of the loose thinking and heedless action which cause most of us to live at a lower level than we need.

18. We allow no separation to grow up between the intellectual and "spiritual" life of children, but teach them that the divine Spirit has constant access to their spirits, and is their continual Helper in all the interests, duties and joys of life.

P.N.E.U. READING COURSE.

The attention of members is called to the Course of Reading, which is free to all members. It is confined to the *distinctive* teaching of the Union, and, therefore, to the volumes of the Home Education Series, the contents of which have been specially prepared from time to time for the use of the *Parents' National Educational Union.* The method of these volumes is a progressive amplification of the principles set forth above. It is, therefore, desirable that the books should be studied in numerical order.* Each volume will be furnished with a full table of contents and with numerous questions which should aid the reader in self-examination. On application to the Office a form may be had which runs as follows:—

"I have read the following volumes . . . . . of the *Home Education Series*, and am satisfied of my mastery of the principles advanced in them by my ability to answer fully and exactly the questions appended to each."

(Signed)

This form should be returned to the Office, and the reader would then be entered on the list of "qualified members" of the P.N.E.U.

Those members who could undertake a further course are referred to the Mother's Educational Course.

*1. *Home Education.* 2. *Parents and Children.* 3. *School Education.* 4. *Ourselves, our souls and bodies.* 5. *Some Studies in the Formation of Character.*

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RULES.

Name.

1. The Union shall be called the "Parents' National Educational Union."

2. The Organization of the Union shall comprise :—

(*a*) The Council.
(*b*) An Executive Council.
(*c*) Local Branches.

The Council.

3. The Union shall be under the control of the Council, which shall consist of the President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Officers, one representative from each Branch and co-opted members.

4. The President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Officers and one-third of the co-opted members of the Council (who shall retire in rotation each year, but shall be eligible for re-election) shall be elected yearly at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

5. The Executive Committee shall be annually elected by the Council from among its members, and shall be responsible for the management of the Union.

6. At any Meeting of the Council five shall form a quorum.

7. The accounts of the Union shall be audited by a Chartered Accountant, who shall be appointed each year at the Annual Meeting.

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Executive Committee.

8. The Executive shall consist of the President, Honorary Officers, one representative from each Branch which received not less than fifty subscriptions, and fifteen other members who shall be elected yearly at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

9. Nominations of new Members for the Executive Committee must be sent in to the Secretary ten clear days before the date of such election. If more than fifteen members are nominated the election shall be by ballot. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill up any vacancy that may occur in their number during the year.

10. The Executive Committee shall meet not less than four times a year. Each year at its first Meeting a Chairman shall be elected for that year.

11. At any Meeting of the Executive Committee, three shall form a quorum.

12. No opposed business shall be transacted at any Meeting of the Executive Committee, unless previous notice of such business shall have appeared on the Agenda.

13. The Executive Committee shall have power to make or alter by-laws for the management of the Union, provided always that the by-laws be not contrary to the principles, objects, or rules, of the Union, as printed and circulated in the Annual Report.

14. The Executive Committee shall decide what salaried officer or officers shall be appointed.

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Meetings.

15. The Council shall hold an Annual Meeting fo fill up vacancies in their body, to receive the Report and Balance Sheet of the previous year, to appoint the Auditor, to elect the Honorary Officers and Members of the Executive Committee, to decide on questions involving new departures in procedure, &c.

16. A General Annual Meeting or Conference shall be held for the purpose of circulating the report of the past year and for otherwise promoting the interests of the Union.

17. The Council may be summoned by the President, by the Executive Committee, or by the Secretary on the receipt of a requisition in writing from fifty members of the Union. Fourteen days' notice of every Meeting of the Council must be given.

18. No Meeting shall be convened under Clause 17 unless the notice convening the same express the object for which the meeting has been summoned; and no business, other than that specified on the Notice, shall be transacted at such Meeting.

19. At all Meetings, the Chairman of each Meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his ordinary vote.

20. No alteration shall be made in the Rules except by a two-thirds majority of those present at the Annual Meeting of the Council, or at a Council-Meeting specially convened for that purpose.

Local Branches.

21. A Local Branch of the Union may be formed in any district by the Executive Committee. The by-laws of each Branch must be in accordance with the principles and objects of the Union.

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22. The amount of the Annual Subscription of Members of a Local Branch shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Unless otherwise resolved by the Executive Committee, the subscriptions are to be paid to the funds of the Central Office.

23. Local Branches formed before 1907 shall pay an annual Capitation Fee to the Council. This fee shall be for Branches within the London Postal District, 20% on their income derived from subscriptions, and for Country Branches, 10% on their income derived from subscriptions. Local Branches formed after 1907 shall either be subject to Rule 22 or shall pay an annual capitation fee, according as the Executive Committee shall decide.

24. Each Local Branch shall send to the General Secretary, one month before the Annual Meeting each year, the name of its Representative to the Council for the coming year.

25. The Council shall publish a journal, and each member of the Union subscribing not less than ten shillings per annum shall be entitled to receive a copy of the journal as published.

26. A payment of £3 3*s*. constitutes Life Membership of the Union; a payment of £6 6*s*. constitutes Life Membership of the Union and entitles to the receipt of a monthly copy of the *Parents' Review*. Life Members are Honorary Members of all Branches.

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THE

Parents' National Educational Union.

GENERAL ANNUAL REPORT,

MAY, 1909.

IN presenting the 18th Annual Report, the Council has satisfaction in being able to tell of a year of good work and real progress.

They record with sorrow the loss by death of the Lady Helen Lacey, a staunch friend of the Union, who for years devoted herself to its work, both as a Member of Council and formerly as Hon. Secretary of the Belgravia Branch.

Another loss has been sustained in the death of Mr. Underhill, who was one of the first schoolmasters to adopt the curriculum of the P.U.S., and employ a House of Education student in his school. His cheery presence was with us only a few months since at the Bristol Conference. It is satisfactory to think that the educational ideals of Wootton Court are being maintained by Mrs. Underhill and her partner Mr. Newcombe.

The news of another severe loss reaches the Committee as they go to press, in the death of Mrs. Winkworth, one of their Vice-Presidents, and a staunch friend of the House of Education, and of the many organizations of the Union. Only last autumn Mrs. Winkworth most generously presented half-a-dozen season tickets for the Moral Education Congress to be distributed among ex-students of the House of Education; and the Library Committee have had constantly to record generous donations both to the College and to the Library. The Committee feel that in her the cause of education has lost a true friend.

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The increased propaganda work, which was made possible last year by the appointment of an Assistant Organising Secretary, has been steadily carried on. Not only have new Branches been formed, but old have been strengthened and established, and Miss Parish has given during the year 55 lectures, setting forth the special teaching of the Union, most of these in neighbourhoods where branches do not yet exist.

One new Branch (Bromley) arranged for its first session a course of six lectures from Miss Parish on the special teaching and philosophy of the Union. Her syllabus was as follows :—

Lecture 1. "The Child as a Person."
" 2. The P.N.E.U. Motto.
" 3. P.N.E.U. Psychology.
" 4. "Education, the Science of Relations."
" 5. "The Way of the Will."
" 6. "The Way of the Reason."

The Secretary writes, "I can sincerely say that we one and all are very sorry that the lectures are over. As a Branch, I do not think we could have had a better grounding in the teaching of the P.N.E.U." Such a course is strongly recommended as a wise departure for old Branches as well as a good beginning for new. It is the surest way of bringing before members the true inwardness of P.N.E.U. thought and teaching, and when this is once grasped members become much stauncher in their allegiance to the Union, and more enthusiastic. They feel that they obtain through it a definite kind of help which no other society can supply. Miss Parish has also lectured on "The Building of Character" and on "Nature Work" in three girls' schools, and has given professional help and advice in families working in the P.U.S. She also addressed a meeting of the Transatlantic Teachers during their visit to London. The Committee are grateful to those who have kindly arranged meetings for these purposes. Further offers of members' houses for propaganda

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meetings will be most gratefully received as well as subscriptions to the necessary expenses incidental to Miss Parish's work. They must remind members that the expense of all propaganda work is heavy, and that much more might be done if more contributions to the special fund for this purpose were received.

The Committee have empowered the British Institute of Social Service to issue a list of the schools working on P.U.S. lines.

Miss Parish was appointed delegate of the P.N.E.U. at the meeting of the British Association, at Dublin.

Dr. Helen Webb and Miss Franklin attended the N.U.W.W. Conference at Aberdeen, as delegates of the Union. Much literature was sold, and the Hon. Mrs. Franklin contributed a paper on "Early Training in Citizenship," which has since been printed and issued as one of the P.N.E.U. pamphlets. Mrs. Franklin was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the N.U.W.W., and has been appointed one of their delegates to attend the forthcoming International Congress of Women, which will meet at Toronto, and where she has been asked to give two addresses.

It will be remembered that the first two volumes of the Home Education Series were some time since translated into German and brought out by Dr. Knittel. The Committee are now glad to learn that Vol. III. has also been published, and has been well received by German critics.

Miss Mason by request contributed a paper to the volume published by the Moral Education Congress, and Mrs. Franklin spoke at the meetings.

The Exhibit of Work from the House of Education and P.N.E.U. which was shown at the Franco-British Exhibition has by special request of the Board of Education become part of their permanent collection.

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The number of families working in the P.U.S. has very much increased, and pupils live in many distant parts. Among the pupils recently enrolled is the Princess Amirit Kaur, daughter of the Maharajah of Karpurthala.

The House of Education has recently been enlarged and now receives 40 students as against 30 in former years. Needless to say, the extra space was at once occupied and the demand for teachers trained there continues to exceed the supply. There is a growing demand from schools for House of Education governesses, one of whom is now working at a public girls' school in the country, and another at a well-known private boarding school for girls; two in boys' preparatory boarding schools; two in boys' preparatory day schools in London; and one of the students has already been engaged for next September by the headmistress of a large and important day school for girls in London.

Qualified Members. Fifteen Members have already qualified by taking the full reading course, and it is hoped that more will soon follow their example.

School Register. There has been a notable increase in our School Register. This year 14 girls' schools, 8 boys' schools and 15 mixed schools (including the Public Co-Education School at Harpenden: Headmaster, Rev. Cecil Grant) are working on the Parents' Union School lines. It may perhaps be desirable to repeat here the conditions upon which such schools are placed upon the Register:—

i. That the programmes of not less than two classes shall be worked out in as many subjects as possible, but at least in six, *including all the historical subjects.*

ii. That the *amount* of time for each of these subjects shall *be not more nor less* than that stated on the Time-tables.

iii. That each child in these classes shall have, and read for himself, *his own books* as set in his programme in the subjects chosen.

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iv. That sets of answers, according to the membership fee, shall be submitted for examination at the usual times.

The Committee take no responsibility as to such schools; due enquiries must always be made by parents.

New Branches Started. Bromley, East Cheshire, Middlesbrough, Three Towns.

Branches Lapsed. Brentford, Hobart.

Parents' Review. The circulation is now about 2,600.

Membership. This shows considerable increase in most of the Branches, and shows the influence of our propaganda work. At the Central Office, the increase is 147 Members, and there are 30 new Subscribers to the *Review*.

Central Office. The number of letters received at the Office during 1908 was 7,952, an increase of 960 on the previous year. The number of out-going letters was 8,623. 2,080 parcels have been sent out, and 9,915 *Parents' Reviews*. Among the correspondents were people living in such distant and varied places as Austria, Poland, Russia, Calcutta, and the Transvaal. The Secretary is in constant communication with Johannesberg, where a Reading Circle has been started under the auspices of a House of Education governess.

Parents' Union School Books. The arrangements made last year for the sale of books at the Central Office has proved both a financial success and a great convenience to Members. General literature as well as school books can be obtained at ordinary shop prices, and Members can give help to the Union by placing orders for books with the Secretary, at 26, Victoria Street, S.W. Anything ordered will be forwarded with the least possible delay. The turnover for last year was £924 12*s.* 4*d.*, yielding a profit of £111 6*s.* 10*d.*

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The following books and pamphlets are for sale at the Office :—

1. Home Education Series :—
   - (i.) "Home Education."
   - (ii.) "Parents and Children."
   - (iii.) "School Education."
   - (iv.) "Ourselves."
   - (v.) "Some Studies in the Formation of Character."

   By Miss C. M. Mason. 3*s.* 6d. each.
2. "The Parents' Review." Price 6*d.*
3. "Parents and Lessons," by Mrs. Clement Parsons. Price 4*d.*
4. "The Home Training of Children," by The Hon. Mrs. Franklin, Hon. Organising Sec. of the P.N.E.U. Price 3*d.*
5. "Early Training in Citizenship," by the Hon. Mrs. Franklin. Price 2*d.*
6. "Thought turning as a factor in the Training of Character, and Talk to Nurses," by Miss Helen Webb, M.B. Price 6d.
7. "Home Safeguards against Boyhood's Dangers," by the Rev. the Hon. E. Lyttelton. Price 2*d.*
8. "Some Suggestions for the School Curriculum of Girls and Boys under 14," by Miss Mason. Price 3*d.*
9. Nature Note Books, in linen covers, 1*s.*; interleaved, 1*s.* 6*d.*
10. "Training in the Service of Man," by J. L. Paton, M.A., High Master, Manchester Grammar School. Price 3*d.*
11. "Education of Citizens," by Rev. W. Temple (Fellow of Queen's College, Oxford). Price 4*d.*
12. "Early Manhood: some of its duties and responsibilities," by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lytton. Price 3*d.*
13. "The Forge and the Weapon," by Blanche Leppington. Price 6*d.*
14. "Recommended Gift Books for Children," by Mrs. Clement Parsons. Price 6*d.*
15. "Parents and Nervous Children," by J. Odery Symes, M.D. Price 4d.
16. "Catalogue of the Library." Price 6d.

These books and pamphlets can also be seen at the Workers' Bookshop, 18A, New Oxford Street, W.C., which the Union has joined.

Annual Meeting. This was held on May 5th, at Grosvenor House (by kind permission of His Grace the Duke of Westminster). The Earl of Lytton was in the Chair, and Dr. Boytflower, then Bishop of Dorking, gave an address.

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The Twelfth Annual Conference, the Programme of which is appended, was held at Bristol, in June, and was much helped and stimulated by the presence of Professor Lloyd Morgan, of University College, Bristol, and of the Rev. A. A. David, Head-master of Clifton College, and several of his staff. Mr. David on his Speech Day referred to the fact that the Conference had been held at Bristol and expressed a hope that many of the parents of his boys would join the Union. There was a large increase of membership of the local Branch, as a result of the Conference, and two large schools for girls joined the P.U.S. Register.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.—*FRIDAY, June 12th.*

3.0 p.m. Fine Arts Academy, Clifton. Members were received by the President and Committee of the Bristol Branch of the P.N.E.U. Dr. C. Lloyd Morgan gave the address of welcome, to which the Right Hon. the Earl of Lytton replied. (160 present.)

8.30 p.m. Grammar School, Clifton (by kind invitation of the Council and the Head Master, Cyril Norwood, Esq.). The Right Hon. the Earl of Lytton in the Chair. "A Child's Inheritance," with lantern illustrations. Dr. Greville Macdonald. (500 present.)

SECOND DAY.—*SATURDAY, June 13th.*

10.30 a.m. Fine Arts Academy, Clifton. Dr. E. H. Cook (Chairman of the Bristol Education Committee) in the Chair. "Children's Books." Professor E. T. Campagnac (Professor of Education at the University of Liverpool). (200 present.)

11.45 a.m. Rev. Edgar I. Fripp in the Chair. "Joy in Art." Miss Parish (Ex-Student, House of Education; Asst. Org. Sec.) This lecture was illustrated by a demonstration lesson.

2.0 p.m. A Visit to Old Bristol, Archæological Walk, conducted by Alfred E. Hudd, Esq., F.S.A. (36 in the party.) The Features of Interest in the Downs and Avon Gorge, Geological Walk, conducted by Professor S. H. Reynolds, M.A., F.G.S. (12 in the party.)

4.30 p.m. Garden Party at Clifton High School for Girls (by kind invitation of the Council and Head Mistress, Miss Burns.) (200 present.)

7.30—10 p.m. A Conversazione, at Clifton College (by kind invitation of the Rev. A. A. David.) (600 present.)

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THIRD DAY.—*SUNDAY, June 14th.*

Afternoon. The Fine Arts Academy was at the disposal of Members.

Evening. Service at St. Mary's, Redcliff, Bristol. Special Sermon by the Rev. J. Primatt Maud, M.A.

FOURTH DAY.—*MONDAY, June 15th.*

10.30 a.m. Fine Arts Academy, Clifton. Dr. Newman Neild in the Chair. "Parents and Nervous Children." Dr. J. O. Symes (Medical Officer to Clifton College). (250 present.)

11.45 a.m. Miss Marion Pease (Principal of Bristol Day Training College) in the Chair. "Spiritual Joy." Miss Carta Sturge. (200 present.)

2.30 a.m. Mrs. Walter Rea in the Chair. "Joy in Dance and Drama." J. H. Badley, Esq. (Head Master of Bedales School). (110 present.)

3.45 p.m. The Rev. T. Arnold Thomas in the Chair. "Enthusiasm for Humanity." E. H. Spence, Esq. (Member of Clifton College Staff). (200 present).

8.30 p.m. Educational Concert. P. Napier Miles, Esq., in the Chair. Speaker: Miss Margaret Lloyd. Artistes: Miss Rosa Button, Mrs. E. T. Daniell, Miss Averill Woodward, Miss Ida Home, Miss Gladys Home, Miss May Thomas. (200 present).

FIFTH DAY.—*TUESDAY, June 16th.*

10.30 a.m. Fine Arts Academy, Clifton. Miss Geraldine Hodgson (Lecturer on Education, Bristol University) in the Chair. "The Joy of Living." Miss Tomlins. (140 present).

11.45 a.m. The Hon. Mrs. Franklin in the Chair. Discussion Meeting, when opportunity was afforded for discussing various educational problems arising out of the papers of the preceding days, as well as the various organizations of the P.N.E.U. (100 present).

2.30 p.m. Redland High School for Girls (by kind invitation of the Council and the Head Mistress, Miss Shekleton). Lady Campbell in the Chair. "A Child's Inheritance; how it strikes a Public School Master." The Rev. A. A. David.

3.30 p.m. "Joy in Fairy Tales." Miss Marie L. Shedlock. (300 present.)

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PARENTS' NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL UNION, CENTRAL OFFICE ACCOUNTS.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st December, 1908.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.
To Sundry Creditors	82	2	6
,, Sundry Reserves	16	8	6
,, General Revenue Account, Balance	372	8	4½
	£470	19	4½

ASSETS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Sundry Debtors				101	5	1½
,, House of Education Fees Outstanding				109	0	0
,, Books Account (Stock at cost, as certified by the Secretary)	144	7	1½			
,, Debtors as per list	106	5	8			
				250	12	9½
,, Cash at Bank ..	3	1	5			
,, Cash in Hand ..	7	0	0½			
				10	1	5½
				£470	19	4½

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REVENUE ACCOUNT, 1st JANUARY to 31st DECEMBER, 1908.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
To Rent, Gas, Coal, Salaries, &c. ..	369	3	7
,, Printing and Stationery	97	8	4½
,, Postages and Parcels	40	18	5½
,, Office Furniture and Fittings ..	10	16	2
,, Meetings	10	12	4
,, Subscriptions paid out	5	10	0
,, Travelling	19	17	3
,, Balance, being profit for the year, transferred to General Revenue Account	83	9	6
	£637	15	8

INCOME.	£	s.	d.
By Members' Subscriptions	76	0	0
,, Subscriptions and Donations ..	81	14	6
,, Capitation Fees	56	2	3
,, Affiliation Fees	1	1	0
,, House of Education	95	8	0
,, Literature	36	10	11½
,, Books	111	6	10
,, The *Parents' Review*	154	15	7½
,, Balance returned from Branches ..	3	7	6
,, Lecture Fees	21	9	0
	£637	15	8

I have compiled the above Accounts from the Books and Vouchers of the Parents' National Educational Union and the *Parents' Review*, and I certify the same to be in accordance therewith.

W. T. WALKER,
Chartered Accountant.

2, Broad Street Place, E.C.,
20th March, 1909.

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SESSION 1908-9.

BELGRAVIA BRANCH.

Committee :

Mrs. Frederick Anson
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Miss Wolseley-Lewis
Mrs. Raynor
Mrs. Edward Tufnell

Hon. Secretary : Mrs. Almeric FitzRoy, 55, Lower Belgrave Street, S.W.

Hon. Treasurer : Gerald Campbell, Esq., 9, Savoy Court, Strand.

Branch Representative : Lady Campbell.

Annual Subscription (*a*) with *Review*, 10*s.* ; (*b*) without *Review*, 5*s.*

Number of Members, 147.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

October 26th, 1908.—"The Children's Bookshelf." Mrs. Henderson.
November 5th, 1908.—"Devotion." Rev. J. Seaton.
December 5th, 1908.—"Practical Work." Rev. H. Woollcombe.
January 28th, 1909.—"Carpentering." Mr. Earle.
February 10th, 1909.—"The Boole Curve." Mrs. A. Somervell.
February 17th, 1909.—"Character and Habit." Miss Wolseley-Lewis.
February 25th, 1909.—"Needlework." Miss Gordon.
March 17th, 1909.—"The Educational Value of Handicrafts." Miss Wolseley-Lewis.
March 25th, 1909.—"God's great guerdon—Service." T. R. W. Lunt, Esq.

Expeditions.

Twelve expeditions were conducted to the National Gallery by Mrs. Langridge to study Venetian Art. One expedition was conducted to Saint Paul's by Canon Scott Holland.

NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

June 18th, 1908.—"Children's Pets." Hon. Edwin Montagu, J.P., M.P.
October 26th, 1908.—"Nature Work and Nature Note-books." Miss H. Ware.
December 16th, 1908.—"The Wonders of the Deep Sea." Wilfrid Mark Webb, Esq.

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Expeditions.

Four expeditions were conducted in the summer by Mrs. Douglas Wilson to various parts of the country. One expedition was conducted to the Natural History Museum by J. Baker, Esq., to consider "The distribution of plants and seeds," in December. Four expeditions were taken to the Natural History Museum by Miss Maggie Adeney to consider "The Wonders of the Deep Sea," during December and January. One expedition was taken to the Natural History Museum by Mrs. Douglas Wilson, on February 11th, to consider "Insects." One expedition was conducted to the Natural History Museum by Mrs. Douglas Wilson, on March 11th, to consider "Precious Stones." These were all children's expeditions. In addition 43 expeditions for adults were organised in connection with the Selborne Society.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.

President : Mrs. C. W. Dixon.

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Hon. Secretary : Mrs. Jordan Lloyd, 16, Ampton Road, Edgbaston.

Hon. Treasurer : Mrs. Lewis Mathews, 32, Clarendon Road, Edgbaston.

Branch Representative : Mrs. Jordan Lloyd.

Annual Subscription (*a*) with *Review*, 8*s.* 6*d.*, 10*s.* 6*d.* if posted ; (*b*) without *Review*, 3*s.* 6*d.*

Number of Members, 123.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

October 5th, 1908.—"Domestic Science considered privately and professionally." Miss M. R. Taylor.
November 6th, 1908.—"Co-education." John Russell, Esq.
December 2nd, 1908.—"Stress and Strain of Girlhood and Adolescence." Dr. Mary Sturge.
February 19th, 1909.—"Children's Books." Professor Campagnac.
April 2nd, 1909.—"Training in Citizenship." Canon J. H. B. Masterman.

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BOLTON AND FARNWORTH BRANCH.

President : Mrs. Edward Crook.

Committee :

Mrs. Barlow — Mrs. Cropper — Mrs. Greg

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer :

Mrs. H. A. Barnes, Moses Gate, Farnworth, S.O.

Branch Representative : Mrs. H. A. Barnes.

Annual Subscription, 2*s.* 6*d.*

Number of Members, 43.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

February 1st, 1909.—Lecture by Miss Parish.

March 11th, 1909.—" The Educational Value of Fairy Tales."
Miss Marie Shedlock.

It is hoped that the Branch may be able to organize a series of lectures in the autumn, and that a new Secretary may be found by that time to take up the work, Mrs. Barnes having found it necessary to retire.

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List of Lectures and Meetings :—

October 27th, 1908.—" How to Interest Children in Music." Mrs. Glover.

November 18th, 1908.—" How to Interest Children in Art."
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December 15th, 1908.—" How to Interest Children in Literature."
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January 15th, 1909.—" Abnormal Children." G. H. Savage, Esq., M.D.

February 2nd, 1909.—" Religious Teaching for Children." Dr. Gray.

February 19th, 1909.—" Gardening as a Profession for Girls."
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March 31st, 1909.—" Diet and Physical Culture in Childhood."
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October 22nd, 1908.—" The Limits of Parental Responsibility."
Mrs. Creighton.

November 4th, 1908.—" Infantile Feeding." Dr. Annie Cornall.

December 2nd, 1908.—" Common Infantile Disorders and their Remedies."
Dr. Annie Cornall

January 7th, 1909.—" Plants in Winter." To children.
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January 14th, 1909.—"Story telling—to children under 14." T. S. FOSTER, Esq., M.A.

January 26th, 1909.—"Schoolroom Hygiene." Dr. MARION LINTON.

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February 26th, 1909.—"Girls' Education as a Preparation for their Future Life." Mrs. PHILLP.

March 9th, 1909.—"Religious Education in the Home." Rev. J. P. MAUD (Vicar of St. Mary's, Redcliffe).

March 16th, 1909.—"Religious Education in the School." Rev. A. A. DAVID, Headmaster of Clifton College.

March 23rd, 1909.—"Early Religious Training in relation to later Life." The LORD BISHOP OF BRISTOL.

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Number of Members, 46.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

February 9th, 1909.—First of a Series on The Thought and Teaching of P.N.E.U. (1) "The Child as a Person." Miss PARISH.

February 16th, 1909.—(2) "The P.N.E.U. Motto." Miss PARISH.

February 23rd, 1909.—(3) "P.N.E.U. Psychology." Miss PARISH.

March 16th, 1909.—(4) "Education the Science of Relations." Miss PARISH.

March 23rd, 1909.—(5) "The Way of the Will." Miss PARISH.

March 30th, 1909.—(6) "The Way of the Reason." Miss PARISH.

This Branch was formed January, 1909, at a meeting which Hon. Mrs. FRANKLIN addressed.

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Number of Members 50.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

October 5th, 1908.—Annual Meeting. Miss PARISH gave a Talk. Music after the meeting.

October 19th, 1908.—"Some points in the Moral Education of Children." Professor J. W. ADAMSON.

November 16th, 1908.—"What reading is best for Girls and Boys?" Mrs. CUNNINGTON, Mrs. SCARTH, Rev. C. ROPER.

December 10th, 1908.—"The modern system of Education unfits our young people for conflict with the World." J. A. SYMMONS, Esq.

January 25th, 1909.—"Question of Homework from a Parent's point of View." Mrs. GARROD, C. K. GRANVILLE, Esq.

February 22nd, 1909.—"The Choice of a Career for our Girls and Boys." H. C. DEVINE, Esq.

March 22nd, 1909.—"The Loss and Gain of Boarding-school Life." Miss ALICE WOODS, H. CANDLER, Esq.

This Branch has offered for its members to give "Talks on P.N.E.U. lines" to the various Mother's Meetings already established in the district; one Talk has already been given, and another is asked for by a second society next season, when we hope to be able to arrange for several others. The Natural History Club has been as successful as ever, under the Secretaryship of Mrs. DOUGLAS WILSON.

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List of Lectures and Meetings:—

November, 1908.—"London Town, Old and New." Canon Perkins.

February 16th, 1909.—"A Consideration of Certain Habits of Mind, useful and otherwise." Miss Clark.

March 5th, 1909.—"Educational Aims in a School for Girls." Miss Leahy.

March 25th, 1909.—"The Education of Girls in German Secondary Schools." Miss Loch.

April 5th, 1909.—"The Evolution of Language in the Human Brain." Dr. Parsons Smith.

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List of Lectures and Meetings:—

October 27th, 1908.—"The Art of Story-telling" Miss Marie Shedlock.

October 28th, 1908.—"The Educational Value of Fairy Tales." Miss Marie Shedlock.

November 13th, 1908.—"Art in a Child's Life." Mr. Albert Strange.

December 11th, 1908.—"Religious Instruction and Mind Development." Miss H. W. Sturge.

January 24th, 1909.—Debate on "That the best mental development is through the overcoming of difficulty." *Proposer*—Mrs. Baynes; *Opposer*—O. B. Baynes, Esq.

March 2nd, 1909.—"Training of the Will in early Childhood." Mrs. A. A. Mumford.

March 31st, 1909.—"The Use and Abuse of Imitation." Mr. W. A. Spafford.

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Number of Members, 96.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

April 8th, 1908.—In place of lecture Messrs. Fletcher's Lace Works examined and explained. Mr. Fletcher.

April 12th, 1908.—"The desirability of bridging over the gap between the Infant School and Elementary School. Miss Philips.

October, 1908.—"The Physical Development in Childhood." Miss A. Ravenhill.

November, 1908.—"Picture Talk." Miss Parish.

December 4th, 1908.—"The Religious Element in Superstition." Rev. G. Holmes-Gore.

January 25th, 1909.—"Reading to Children and the Choice of Books." Mrs. Meynell.

February, 1909.—"The Story of Rome." For children. Lantern. Mrs. Arnold-Bemrose.

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Number of Members, 29.

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List of Lectures and Meetings :—

April 16th, 1908.—"Children and Poetry." Miss Ramsay.

May 14th, 1908.—"Our Advantages and Responsibilities as Members of the P.N.E.U." Lady Campbell.

September 24th, 1908.—Résumé of Annual Conference. Mrs. Muhlberg.

October 15th, 1908.— Rev. J. H. Mallinson.

November 16th, 1908.—"Sentiment in Education." Mr. Lloyd Williams.

January 16th, 1909.—"Co-operation between Parents and Schoolmasters." F. Fletcher, Esq., Headmaster of Marlborough.

February 16th, 1909.—"Can Children be taught to speak the Truth." Miss Ramsay.

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List of Lectures and Meetings :—

November 19th, 1908.—"The Relation between Home and School." T. C. Horsfall, Esq., M.A., J.P.

December 16th, 1908.—"The Place of Play and Physical Training in Child Life." Miss Ravenhill.

February 3rd, 1909.—"The Nurture of Children." J. H. Marsh, Esq., M.D.

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Number of Members, 118.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

November 9th, 1908.—"Physiology of Reading, Spelling and Dictation." Prof. Adams, M.A.

December 3rd, 1908.—"The Need of Art." Dr. Schlapp, Edinburgh University.

January 21st, 1909.—"Can Virtue be Taught." Rev. George Stevens.

February 19th, 1909.—"Canadian Education." F. Perney, Esq., Ottawa, Canada.

March 22nd, 1909.—"Co-Education." E. S. Tylee, Esq., M.A. (Oxon).

NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

The Natural History Club numbers 76 members. Last summer there were three excursions.

On May 30th, a party of 40 members went to Hailes quarry for a fossil hunt. Dr. Traquair led the party. We had a brilliant summer day. Everyone found fossils and had them explained by Dr. Traquair. Good specimens were found of fossil ferns, grasses, cones, etc. Afterwards the party were hospitably entertained by Major Meeres, at Colinton.

On June 30th, there was a "Beetle Hunt" in the grounds at Newington House, led by Professor Beare. About 50 were present. Owing to the very dry weather beetles were rather scarce, only specimens of eight different varieties were found. Professor Beare was most interesting and stimulating, and told the children how to set to work, where to look, what to do with the insects when found and how to preserve them. Afterwards Mrs. Bartholomew entertained the party to tea.

On July 4th, the club went to study Natural History at the Scottish National Exhibition, about 60 were present. The foresting exhibits were visited and special interest was shown in the exhibits of imitative insects. The Canadian Section was also visited. Mr. Morson was leader of this expedition.

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In November, the club had its annual gathering at Newington House, when Professor D'Arcy Thompson, of Dundee, gave a fascinating talk on "Snails." Never in the history of the club has it listened to anything more stimulating.

On January 9th, there was a winter walk through Roslin Glen, led by Dr. Stewart McDougal. The members who had the privilege of being present had a rich reward for their early start, before 9 a.m., and found the Study of Nature under winter conditions very fascinating. This expedition they described as the "best of all."

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List of Lectures and Meetings :—

May 14th, 1908.—"The Idle Boy as an Educational Reformer." C. Simmons, Esq.

July 11th, 1908.—Annual Garden Meeting.

October 16th, 1908.—"The Moral Educational Congress." Dr. McClure.

November 12th 1908.—"Educational Ideals in France." Mademoiselle Pécontal.

December 11th, 1908.—"Civic Patriotism." A. O. Jennings, Esq.

February 11th, 1909.—"The General Conditions of Mental Backwardness in Children." Dr. Savage.

March 11th, 1909.—Members' Debate : "Is the prevalent system of competition likely to bring about the best results in education ?" *Opener*—Mr. Dexter. The President in the Chair.

The average attendance of members at the meetings has been 28. But with the addition of friends who have been invited by the committee the average attendance has been 39.

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At the Annual Garden Meeting, in July, amongst the Reports presented there was a specially interesting one by the Branch Representative, who gave an excellent condensed account of the Conference at Bristol. Five members of the Finchley Branch had attended the Conference, and the Committee hoped by means of this Report to bring home to others who were not able to take part in them the value and inspiration of such gatherings. Miss Parish, Assistant Organizing Secretary, from headquarters, gave a short address on "The Aims and Work of the P.N.E.U." which was much appreciated.

TALKS TO MOTHERS.

The effort to bring a more intelligent ideal of the training of their children before working-class mothers was continued in the autumn of last year. On Wednesday afternoons in October and November the following subjects were dealt with, and the "Talks" were listened to with great attention and interest by the women who responded to the Committee's invitation.

October 21st, 1908.—"Cleanliness and Manners." Nurse HODGSON.

October 28th, 1908.—"Courage." Nurse HODGSON.

November 4th, 1908.—"Work." Nurse HODGSON.

November 11th, 1908.—"Self-control." Nurse HODGSON.

November 18th, 1908.—"Habits." Mrs. MOSTYN.

November 25th, 1908.—"Character." Mrs. BLAKE ODGERS.

The average attendance was 26, and four or five of the ladies of the managing committee were present on most of the afternoons. The women were asked to contribute if they cared to do so towards the expenses, and some regularly placed their pence in a plate unostentatiously placed near the door. They hope very much to have more "Talks" next year, and have promised each one to try to bring a friend to hear them. The Committee feel this is a good work and recommend other Branches to try it.

READING CIRCLE.

The Reading Circle does not increase its membership at present; but six ladies meet fortnightly for reading and discussion. At present Ruskin's *Crown of Wild Olive* is their chosen book. They hope some of our new members may join them.

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List of Lectures and Meetings:—

November 18th, 1908.—"The Art of Reading." Prof. LATTA.

December 14th, 1908.—"University Training." Dr. DUFF.

January 21st, 1909.—"Teaching Poetry to Children." Miss SPENS.

February 18th, 1909.—"A Personal Talk on Art."
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List of Lectures and Meetings:—

October 23rd, 1908.—"The P.N.E.U. and its Work." Miss PARISH.

November 17th, 1908.—"The Early Education of the Will."
Mrs. ALICE MEYNELL.

December 7th, 1908.—"The Temple of Eugenics." Prof. GEDDES.

January 29th, 1909.—"The Fun and Philosophy of Hans Christian Andersen. Miss MARIE SHEDLOCK.

February 26th, 1909.—"The Functions of Science and Poetry in Education." The Rev. H. Gow.

March 17th, 1909.—'How to treat the Old Testament in Education."
HOWARD CANDLER, Esq., M.A.

The Hampstead Branch joined the Brondesbury Branch in the three lectures to children on "What to see on Hampstead Heath," given by Mrs. DOUGLAS WILSON.

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Number of Members, 38.

List of Lectures and Meetings:—

May 8th, 1908.—"Truthfulness." Miss E. Parish.

June, 1908.—"Gardening as a Profession for Women." Hon. F. Wolseley

NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

Has been actively engaged in the study of trees, some members making excellent collections of twigs, and good drawings. In a twig competition 19 out of 20 specimens were correctly named by one very young member. In the spring seed-growing competitions were held. The summer walks were particularly interesting, and some good maps illustrating them were subsequently made.

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List of Lectures and Meetings:—

May 14th, 1908.—"The Demon of Self-Consciousness." Miss Tomlins.

October 23rd, 1908.—"Secondary Education in France and the Upbringing of the French Girl." Madame de Perrot.

November 17th, 1908.—"The Early Education of the Will." Mrs. Alice Meynell.

December 14th, 1908.—"Collegiate Life for Women and their later Occupations." Mrs. Ralph, Bursar of Somerville College, Oxford.

January 15th, 1909.—"The Building of Character; an address to girls and young women." Miss Parish, Assistant Organizing Secretary.

January 28th, 1909.—"The Diet of Children after the Period of Infancy." Robert Hutchison, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P.

February 17th, 1909.—"School-life and Moral Training." R. F. Cholmeley, Esq., Assistant Master, St. Paul's School.

March 15th, 1909.—"What Suggestion may do for Children." Mrs. Walter Rea.

A Course of Six Talks on the "Thought and Teaching of the P.N.E.U." was given by Miss Parish in the autumn.

A good many members attended the Annual Conference at Bristol.

The Reading Circle, conducted by Mrs. Stirling, has been continued during the winter months.

Members have belonged to the London Natural History Club organized by the Belgravia Branch.

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Number of Members, 89.

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List of Lectures and Meetings :—

October 1st, 1908.—"Principles and Objects of P.N.E.U." Miss PARISH.

November 3rd, 1908.—"The Physical Training of Little Children." Dr. CAPPER JOHNSON.

December 8th, 1908.—"Children's Books." Professor CAMPAGNAC.

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November 19th, 1908.—"Early Moral Training." Mrs. ALFRED BOOTH.

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January 21st, 1909.—"Juvenile Friendly Societies and Thrift." Mr. MAUND, of The Manchester Unity.

February 18th, 1909.—"Anti-Cigarette Smoking League." Mr. SANDFORD.

March 18th, 1909.—"Method in the Home." Short papers by members.

By the kind invitation of the President, the members were entertained with their husbands at the Liverpool University, on Saturday, June 13th. The visitors were shown over the buildings and were greatly interested in all they saw, especially the liquid air experiments by Professor WILBERFORCE.

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November 12th, 1908.—"The Training of the Artistic Faculties in Children." Miss HERMIONE UNWIN, of Shipley.

December 7th, 1908.—"Rewards and Punishments." Discussion. Chairman, W. EDWARDS, Esq., M.A.

January, 1909.—"Nursery Ailments" (omitted owing to illness of lecturer). Dr. MARGARET SHARP, of Bradford.

February 9th, 1909.—"The Use and Abuse of the Power of Imitation in Children." W. A. SPAFFORD, Esq., Principal of the Training College in Darlington.

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April 30th, 1908.—"Music without Tears." Mrs. May Marshall.
May 22nd, 1908.—"Ethical Hints for Early Childhood." Miss Alice Woods.
June 20th, 1908.—Garden Party at The Thorns.
September 28th, 1908.—"Hygiene for the Nursery." Dr. Hildesheim
October 30th, 1908.—"Antigone." Miss Freeman, B.A.
November 27th, 1908.—"The Idle Boy as an Educational Reformer." C. Seymour, Esq., M.A
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March 25th, 1909.—"Home Companionship." Miss McCroben.

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November 7th, 1908.—Children's Social Afternoon in connection with the Natural History Club.

November 24th, 1908.—"Esperanto as an aid to Modern Language Teaching." Dr. Walter J. Clark, M.A., Ph.D., *Licencié ès Lettres.*

December 9th, 1908.—"The Parents' Union School and how it helps Parents whose children are taught at home." Hon. Mrs. Franklin, Hon. Organizing Secretary to the P.N.E.U.

January 25th, 1909.—"Brain Health and the care of the mind in Childhood and Youth." Mrs. Clare Goslett, Mem. R. San. Inst., Mem. of the Société Française d'Hygiéne, Lecturer at St. Gabriel's and St. Katharine's Training Colleges, etc.

February 9th, 1909.—"How to help our Children to Unselfish Characters." Mrs. Arthur Phillp, Member of the Committee of the Birmingham Branch.

March 5th, 1909.—"College Life and its advantages." Miss Gwynneth A. Black, of the Royal Holloway College, Egham.

April 2nd, 1909.—"Method in the Home." A. Canning Williams, Esq., F.S.I.S.

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April, 1908.—"Girls and Social Matters." The Hon. Lily Montagu.
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June, 1908.—"The Idea of a Liberal Education." Mr. de Burgh.
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"History of London as Learnt by its Monuments." Mr. A. S. Walker, L.M.A.S.

There was one other Meeting and Garden Party in June, at West Heath, Ham Common, when a very interesting paper was read, and good illustrations, both vocal and instrumental, given.

This Branch is trying to create a more active interest among its members and for this reason has constituted as many of its members as would consent to it into a *General* Committee with whom all general questions as to lectures, etc., will be discussed, final decisions lying with the inner Committee. A further change consists in the meetings losing their semi-social character and being conducted on purely educational lines—two meetings of the Session only to be of a different nature, one a Debate on some educational subject and one a Conversazione.